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## Nurses charge rape

### Filipinos ordered out

MANILA, Sept. 6, (AP) — The government has ordered the repatriation of 20 Filipinos working at a clinic in Saudi Arabia after five nurses complained they had been raped by their employer.

The department of foreign affairs said it issued the order yesterday after the Philippine embassy in Riyadh verified the reports. The department said Saudi authorities would also be asked to act on complaints of the Filipinos.

According to officials, the Filipinos were working at a clinic in Hail, 700 kilometres (430 miles) northwest of Riyadh.

## Nusrat off key: India

### Kashmir out of bounds

BELGRADE, Sept. 6, (Reuters) — India protested to Pakistan today after Pakistan's Senior Minister Nusrat Bhutto mentioned their dispute over Kashmir in a public speech at the non-aligned summit.

The two countries had earlier appeared to be setting aside tensions rising from three wars, two of them over Kashmir, a disputed border area. India controls two-thirds of the territory and Pakistan the remainder.

"We expressed our regret over Mrs Bhutto's decision to raise a purely bilateral issue at a public forum like the non-aligned summit," Indian Minister of State for External Affairs, Natwar Singh, said.

Nusrat, the mother of Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, said in her speech that Pakistan wanted good relations with India and added: "We shall seek a peaceful settlement of the Jammu and Kashmir dispute."

But there were clear signs of improving ties, with Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi giving low key treatment to the Afghan war in his main conference speech, signalling a mood of accommodation for Pakistan's views.

## More sheep rejected

CANBERRA, Australia, Sept. 6, (AP) — Saudi Arabia today rejected without explanation another shipment of 100,000 Australian live sheep, Australian officials said.

The Saudi rejection brings to 400,000 the number of Australian live sheep turned away in the past six weeks.

Previous shipments were barred after Saudi Arabia claimed the animals were diseased.

The Australian industry has banned live sheep exports to Saudi Arabia until the health question is clarified.

An Abu Dhabi municipal official said today that more than 5,000 Australian sheep which died here after being rejected by Saudi Arabia had been killed by fatigue and Malta fever.

## Palestinian arrested

Police arrested an alleged Palestinian commando and three suspected members of the Red Brigades on Wednesday in an international operation they said showed links between Palestinian and Italian terrorists.

Carabinieri paramilitary police said in Rome that all four, including Khalid Birawi Thamer, 29, an alleged member of the Fatah Revolutionary Council led by Abu Nidal, had been captured in Italy following the arrest of five suspected Italian guerrillas in Paris last weekend.

Colonel Italo Leopizzi, Rome's Carabinieri commander, told a news conference the arrest of Birawi Thamer, a Jordanian, "certainly shows a link between the Red Brigades and the Abu Nidal group."

He said Birawi Thamer, who like the others held in Italy was charged with subversive association and belonging to an armed band, had been "totally integrated into the Italian group," which is known as the Red Brigades-Fighting Communist Party. (Reuters)

**Benefits exaggerated:** Two widely referred studies showing that cholesterol-lowering drugs reduce the risk of heart disease exaggerate the benefits of the drugs, researchers said in the New England journal of medicine.

The lipid research clinics and Helsinki heart studies involved thousands of middle-aged men and millions of dollars. The widely publicized results showed the incidence of heart disease in men with no symptoms.

In his article in the current edition of the journal, internist Allan Brent of New England Deaconess Hospital in Boston said "pharmaceutical advertising... stretches the truth to its limits." (Reuters)

**Army calms rioting:** The Army was called in to restore order in a northeast Indian town on Wednesday after clashes between Bodo tribesmen agitating for a state of their own and Muslim immigrants to Assam, police said.

Despite a recent lull in the violence, a police official said the seven-month Bodo agitation in which more than 500 people have been killed, fighting has continued.

Police said the spark to the fresh trouble appeared to have been a bomb which killed two people and injured 18, mostly Muslims, at a rice market at Kuntikata on Sunday. (Reuters)

**Cocaine seized:** A Venezuelan merchant navy officer was arrested at Milan airport on Wednesday after customs officers found 26 kg (47 pounds) of cocaine worth \$19 million in his baggage.

Police said he was carrying the drugs in a cardboard box marked "computer parts."

The uniformed officer, who arrived at Malpensa airport on a flight from Caracas, was taken to prison for questioning.

He was the second Venezuelan citizen arrested at the airport in three days. (Reuters)



Evern (right) welcomes HH the Amir at Istanbul's Ataturk airport. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Talks held in Bulgaria and Turkey

## Amir mediates in row

KUWAIT, Sept. 6, (Agencies) — HH the Amir of Kuwait returned to Kuwait this evening after attending the 9th non-aligned summit in Belgrade and making brief visits to Bulgaria and Turkey to mediate in their row over Bulgaria's ethnic Turkish minority.

He was greeted at the airport by HH Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah, Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed, and top officials.

The Kuwaiti ruler met Turkish President Kenan Evren and Prime Minister Turgut Ozal at Istanbul airport after an hour of talks with Bulgarian leader Todor Zhivkov in Sofia.

"This is a serious effort at mediation," said a spokesman for the Kuwaiti leader in Istanbul.

Turkish Foreign Minister Mesut Yilmaz told reporters after the Amir left for home that he had brought some suggestions from Zhivkov on possible Bulgarian-Turkish talks.

"The suggestions do not offer us very much that is new. We will evaluate them and send a reply through diplomatic channels to Kuwait in the days of come," Yilmaz said.

"It is a good development, although differences remain. The Amir's efforts are basically bringing the two sides points of view closer together," Yilmaz said.

The Bulgarian news agency BTA described the Amir's talks with Zhivkov as constructive and friendly but gave few details.

More than 310,000 ethnic Turks have poured across the border into Turkey from Bulgaria since mid-June to escape Sofia's efforts to forcibly assimilate them.

Turkey reimposed strict visa requirement on Aug 22, virtually halting the flow of refugees.

Ankara wants a comprehensive immigration pact with Sofia to safeguard the minority rights to those who stay in Bulgaria and the social rights and property of those who have left.

Bulgaria wants an open-ended dialogue and says those who fled to Turkey were tourists taking advantage of a liberalised passport law.

Organisation of Islamic Conference secretary-general Hamed Al Ghabid today urged international and regional organisations to provide assistance to Turkey in dealing with the exodus of ethnic Turks who fled Bulgaria early this summer.

**Egypt confirms Iraq blast**  
**700 said killed**

CAIRO, Sept. 6, (Agencies) — An Egyptian military spokesman said today an explosion took place in the second half of August at a defence industry complex in Iraq. He gave no details.

A British newspaper, the Independent, said up to 700 people were killed by a huge explosion at a secret arms factory near Al Hillah, 64 km (40 miles) south of Baghdad on Aug 17.

There has been no comment from Iraq. Diplomats in Baghdad contacted by telephone said an explosion took place but they did not believe the Independent's estimates of damage or casualties.

The Egyptian spokesman did not give the location of the plant where the explosion took place and said he did not know whether Egyptians worked there.

"There might have been some Egyptian civilians working there on private contracts," he said.

The Independent said casualties in the blast appeared to have included Egyptian military and civilian engineers, possibly working on a missile project with Iraq.

A spokesman for Egypt's main military hospital at Maadi said no cases from Iraq had been admitted recently. The Independent suggested that the hospital treated many casualties from the explosion.

## US pulls out of Lebanon

### Arab League panel to resume efforts

BEIRUT, Sept. 6, (Agencies) — The United States evacuated Ambassador John McCarthy and the 29 other American employees from Lebanon today amid mounting Christian criticism of Washington for its alleged support of Syria's military deployment in Lebanon.

Christian youths called off their 24-hour siege of the US embassy compound in Beirut's Christian suburb of Aoukar at 1 pm.

However, the movement for supporting liberation threatened in a statement to reimpose the siege if McCarthy returned to Lebanon before Washington's recognition of Gen. Michel Aoun's Christian cabinet as the "legitimate Lebanese government."

McCarthy arrived in Lebanon late in September 1988 but did not present his credentials, to avoid recognising either Aoun's cabinet or that of Sunni Muslim acting Prime Minister Salim Hoss, which are vying for power.

The ambassador and his staff were flown by helicopter early in the day to the British Akrotiri air base in Cyprus. Three hours later, around noon (0900 GMT), they took off aboard a US military aircraft bound for a Nato base in Sigonella, Sicily, said informed sources in Cyprus who insisted on not being identified further.

In Washington, State Department spokesman Mark Dillen said their final destination was one of the US installations in West Germany, but said he did not say which.

Moscow has thrown its weight behind Arab efforts to find a solution to Lebanon's 14-year civil war, Soviet diplomats in Cairo said today.

"We think it best to keep the issue within the (Arab) family," said Soviet political counsellor Vladimir Spandarian.

In Algiers, a diplomatic source said an Arab League committee formed in May to end Lebanon's civil war would resume its efforts later this month.

The source said the foreign ministers of Algeria, Morocco and Saudi Arabia would discuss how to reactivate their peace bid which reached a dead end in July.

"We want to cool things down on both sides," said Spandarian. "Our impression is that the Arab League provides the most suitable way to dampen the crisis."

Meanwhile, Syrian and Christian gunners intermittently duelled with Howitzers and mortars in and around Beirut, killing one person and wounding three.

By police count, the six-month confrontation between Aoun's 20,000 predominantly Christian troops and the 40,000 Syrian soldiers in Lebanon has killed 828 people and wounded 2,455.

Commenting on the US evacuation, the US-trained Aoun said in a statement released by his press office: "It seems the American Cain couldn't endure the stare of the Lebanese Abel so he left."

Aoun, in a statement in English, said: "I am not surprised at all by the apparently precipitate departure of our American guests early this morning."

"I used the term 'guests' since, as the American ambassador did not see fit to present his credentials to my government, his status and that of his officials was, strictly speaking, that of visitors," Aoun added.

In the statement, read over the telephone by Aoun's press office, the general said: "Such puzzling and petulant behaviour by Mr McCarthy merely reflects the nature and conduct of the US State Department's policy towards that part of Lebanon free of Syrian occupation."

Residents of Aoukar, speaking on condition of anonymity, said three American helicopters hovered over the embassy.

The ambassador and staff at the British embassy in war-torn Beirut are to remain at their posts, despite the American decision to withdraw its envoys, the Foreign Office said.

## Syria must pull out: Iraq

### Iran warns of 'tension'

BELGRADE, Sept. 6, (Reuters) — Iraq urged non-aligned countries yesterday to ensure the withdrawal of Syrian troops from Lebanon, where five months of savage artillery bombardment has killed 790 people.

"Besides the Israeli forces of occupation, there are unfortunately forces which belong to two member states of our movement, namely Syria and Iran," Iraqi First Vice-President Taha Yassin Ramadan told a non-aligned summit in Belgrade.

"The first step towards resolving the Lebanese crisis should be the withdrawal of all these forces," he said.

Arab sources at the summit said the rivalry between Iraq and Syria, main Arab rivals over Lebanon, would block any attempts by the summit to help end 14 years of civil war.

Syria's first Vice-President Abdel Halim Khaddam, told the summit in Belgrade that Syria, the main foreign power broker in Lebanon where it has 33,000 troops, would resort "to any necessary measures" to preserve the country's unity.

At least 790 people have been killed in artillery battles which flared in March after Christian Army chief Major General Michel Aoun launched a "war of liberation" against Syria's troops.

Khaddam said the only way to end Lebanon's plight was through granting the majority Muslims more say in the Christian-dominated political system.

UN Secretary-General Javier

Perez de Cuellar earlier yesterday urged members of an Arab League committee to revive their mediation efforts to end Lebanon's bloodshed.

A UN official said Perez de Cuellar held talks with Algerian President Chadli Benjedid, Saudi Foreign Minister Saud Al Faisal and Moroccan Foreign Minister Abdelatif Filali.

"We informed them of our position that the committee should work again for peace in Lebanon," the official told Reuters.

A UN ceasefire called last month brought a brief halt to the fighting in Lebanon but quickly collapsed. French and Soviet peace efforts have failed so far.

Saudi Arabia, Morocco and Algeria — assigned by the Arab League last May to end Lebanon's violence — said in July their efforts had failed.

Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati warned today of renewed tension in the Gulf if Iran fails to implement a UN ceasefire resolution.

"Iraq must correct its position and sincerely accept the implementation of the resolution. It must start by withdrawing to internationally recognised boundaries which will make the ensuing exchange of prisoners of war possible," Velayati said.

"Undoubtedly, the present 'no war, no peace' situation is due to impediments introduced by Iraq during direct talks. The result will be instability and creation of tension for the region," he told the Non-Aligned Movement.

## Under the gun

### Cory man charged

MANILA, Sept. 6, (AP) — A congressman who supports President Corason Aquino was charged with illegal weapons possession after he and a businessman allegedly tried to smuggle in more than 300 firearms from the United States, officials said today.

The 314 weapons were discovered at the Manila International Airport in nine boxes, some of which bore the name of Rep. Vinson de Guzman and some of Ponciano Datu, both of whom arrived yesterday aboard a Philippine Airlines flight from San Francisco.

Du Guzman, a member of the pro-Aquino Struggle of the Democratic Filipino Party, denied the weapons were his and claimed he did not know Datu. De Guzman represents a district in the central Luzon province of Nueva Ecija.

Maj. Antonio Alfara, chief of the airport customs police, said charges were filed against de Guzman and Datu.

Zafiro Respicio, chief customs collector at Ninoy Aquino International Airport, said the weapons included .25-calibre and .45-calibre pistols, .38-calibre revolvers and several assault rifles. They were packed inside metal mailboxes, which in turn were placed in cardboard containers stuffed with boxes of cracker jacks snack food.

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## Velayati holds meetings with GCC leaders

## Iran eases stance to seek closer ties with Gulf states

NICOSIA, Sept. 6, (Reuters) — Iran, embarking on a new phase of pragmatism in foreign policy, has launched a vigorous campaign to improve relations with nearby Gulf Arab states, including Saudi Arabia.

The non-aligned summit in Belgrade gave Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati, long considered a dove in Iranian politics, an opportunity to initiate meetings with the leaders of Kuwait, Oman and Bahrain

to emphasise Iran's desire for cordial links.

Velayati recently called for restoration of relations with Saudi Arabia, saying in a newspaper interview that Tehran welcomed efforts by members of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) to bring this about.

The official Iranian news agency Irna said Velayati held five meetings with leaders and officials from the GCC while attending the non-aligned conference in

Belgrade.

The search for better relations with Gulf Arab states has gathered pace since Parliament approved the new government of President Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani on August 29.

Kuwait, whose help for Iraq during the Gulf war earned the wrath of the Iranians, has replied positively to Tehran's wooing.

HH the Amir of Kuwait, was quoted by Irna as telling Velayati yesterday:

"We have no problem with the Islamic Republic of Iran and we want strong brotherly relations. Now that the war has ended we must... prepare ourselves for a new era."

Iran's diplomatic drive has provoked mixed reaction in the Majlis (Parliament). The head of the foreign affairs commission, Saeed Rajaie Khorasani, urged the government to patch up its differences with Riyadh as soon as possible.



## Lanka bans strikes, 12 die

COLOMBO, Sept. 6. (AP) — Arguments in Britain about modern architecture reach a new peak this week with a renewed attack from Prince Charles and a reply from architects on national television.

The Prince's book "A Vision of Britain," to be published tomorrow, describes some of the buildings of the

# Charles again attacks modern architects

past 30 years as "Frankenstein monsters, devoid of character, alien and largely unloved except by the professors who have been concocting these horrors in their laboratories."

Introducing extracts from the 160-page book, the Sunday Times told its readers: "The Prince assaults post-World War II architects in the most

abusive terms, saying they inhabit a shadowy world of powerful interest groups."

William Rodgers, a former law-maker who runs the Royal Institute of British Architects, rebuked the Prince, saying: "The argument has become silly and extreme."

"I am not disposed to believe that architects are always right. But now, however, do I think heirs to the throne are always right either."

As his book hits the shops — with publishers Doubleday predicting sales of 500,000 — the Prince will visit the Victoria and Albert Museum to see an exhibition about buildings that restates his views.

On Thursday night, the British Broadcasting Corp. will rerun the Prince's 75-minute first venture into TV writing last October, a programme on buildings he narrated in which he accused some urban developers of inflicting "terrible damage" on city landscapes.

The BBC gives architects, who feel they don't have the public platform the Prince enjoys, a chance to reply on Friday.

They will argue in a separate programme that the Prince is obsessed with classical architecture of the past which is irrelevant today and that he is confused about the architect's role in society.

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**Bakker mentally fit**

AUS Judge ruled yesterday that television evangelist Jim Bakker was not mentally ill and ordered the resumption of his trial on charges of spending millions of dollars in donations on homes, cars and holidays.

Judge Robert Potter had suspended the trial last Thursday after Bakker's psychiatrist testified the evangelist had lost touch with reality and reported seeing people change into frightening animals bent on destroying him.

Potter ordered the trial to resume after a psychiatrist who examined Bakker for five days said he was

having a panic attack and not hallucinating when he reported seeing large ants with antennae outside the courtroom a week ago.

Psychiatrist Sally Johnson said Bakker was aware that what he was seeing was a crowd of reporters and television technicians with earphones. "He did not lose contact with the fact that these were people from the media," she said.

Johnson said her examination revealed Bakker had suffered attacks of panic in the past and the stress of the trial last Wednesday caused another one.

## Marcos' crisis 'over'

HONOLULU, Sept. 6. (AP) — Former Philippines President Ferdinand Marcos has responded to medication and his blood pressure has risen to an "acceptable level" after a weekend deterioration in his condition, a hospital said yesterday.

Marcos' blood pressure dropped to "an extremely low level" over the weekend but has since stabilised, said Eugene Tiwanak, assistant administrator of St. Francis Medical Centre.

He reported yesterday that Marcos' blood pressure had risen and that the former leader was responding to medication to keep it up. He would not give specifics about Marcos' blood pressure or other details of his condition.

The 71-year-old former leader has been hospitalised since Jan 15 with a variety of serious ailments. He has been listed in critical condition since late May, and suffers from heart, kidney and respiratory failure.

"It's been a really rough weekend, but in these past few months we've seen one miracle after another. So I still have hope," said wife Imelda, 60. "I just pray and give everything to the lord. His will be done. I think he is on our side."

But one Marcos aide, who requested anonymity, questioned how long Marcos could

## Filipino reds kill 2 soldiers

MANILA, Sept. 6. (Agencies) — Suspected rebels killed two soldiers in an ambush near the US-run Clark air base and shot to death a policeman in another incident west of the capital, the military said.

A military report said the soldiers were driving to their headquarters when guerrillas opened fire on their jeep yesterday in Porac town, west of the American base.

One soldier was wounded and another escaped unhurt during a five-minute gunfight with the rebels of the communist New People's Army (NPA), the military said.

Another report said suspected NPA hit men yesterday shot and killed police patrolman Leonardo Estrella Jr while eating his supper inside a restaurant in Orion town, Bataan province across Manila Bay. The lawman sustained five gunshot wounds and died on the spot, the report said.

The 23,000-strong NPA, armed wing of the outlawed Communist Party of the Philippines, has been battling to overthrow the Manila government for the past 20 years.

In the nearby province of Bataan, soldiers killed one of the most wanted communist rebel leaders in a raid yesterday outside Manila, the military said.

hold on. "I think the doctors have just about given up," the aide said. "How much more can they do?"

Roger Peyuan, a Marcos family spokesman, said the latest deterioration in Marcos' condition began Saturday. By Sunday Marcos' blood pressure was down to an alarmingly low level of 42 over 37, said Peyuan.

Imelda said her husband received two pints of blood yesterday morning, but that he began bleeding internally after doctors tried to administer medication through a vein in his neck.

"His blood isn't clotting well and so it became a problem," she said, adding that the bleeding was under control by late yesterday morning.

He remains on a respirator and has daily kidney dialysis. The Marcoses have lived in Hawaii since they fled the Philippines in a 1986 uprising that ushered Corason Aquino into power.

Last October, the United States indicted the couple on criminal racketeering charges for allegedly stealing nearly \$200 million from their homeland and funneling it into this country.

## Amazon crash victims rescued

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, Sept. 6. (AP) — Air force rescue teams today began removing the most seriously injured survivors of a domestic jetliner that crashed in the Amazon jungle with 54 people aboard, an air force spokesman said.

Eight people were reported killed in Sunday's crash. In addition, a woman airlifted from the wreckage of Brazil's Varig airliner died on route to the capital of Brasilia, said spokesman Jose Maria dos Santos.

The airline said all those aboard the Boeing 737-200 were Brazilians.

Santos said an air force helicopter was ferrying the survivors from the crash site to a ranch near Sao Jose do Xingu, in north-central Mato Grosso state, 1,050 miles (1,700 kilometres) northwest of Rio de Janeiro.

"We've got 11 in the air and 30 more at the site, but we'll get them all out today," Santos said by telephone from Brasilia.

The thick jungle hindered the rescue operation, he said. The helicopter was unable to land and had to hover over the wreckage while victims were raised by winch, Santos said.

"The plane opened a clearing in the jungle when it crashed but it's not big enough for the helicopter to land," the spokesman said.

Failed. All efforts to locate the downed plane had failed until four of the survivors walked for about two hours through the jungle to an isolated ranch where they used a Ham radio to contact the air force ministry yesterday.

Rescue planes reached the crash site yesterday afternoon.

The three-year-old girl, identified as Bruna Costa, was flown out early to Brasilia with a concussion and a crushed leg, he said.

The girl's mother, Marizez Coimbra, said the victims were mostly sitting in the front of the plane.

"Those in the front suffered the worst," Mrs Coimbra said in a live television interview from Brasilia.

"The pilot lost his course and lost his communications. He went around in circles until his fuel ran out and then looked for a place to put it down," he said.

The survivors were taken to the Curumbe ranch, about 28 miles (45 kilometres) away, where a Brazilian-made twin-engine Bandeirante plane took off from a 1,500-metre dirt airstrip and flew to the Serra Do Cachimbo air force base, 185 miles (300 kilometres) away in neighbouring Para state, Santos said.

From the air force base the survivors would be flown to Brasilia, he said.

Medical teams first reached the crash site late last night, but officials decided to wait until today to start removing the survivors. The air force parachuted food, water and medicine in kits.

The survivors were reported to be generally in "good condition," air force Col. Ronaldo Borges said in Brasilia.

The plane disappeared on Sunday on the last leg of a regularly scheduled flight between the southeastern city of Sao Paulo and Belem, 2,140 miles (3,442 kilometres) northwest of Rio at the mouth of the Amazon river.

The pilot reported problems in the navigational system, and the plane strayed far off course. Two hours after his scheduled arrival in Belem the pilot radioed the airport at Carajas, 600 miles (965 kilometres) from Belem, asking for permission to make an emergency landing.

Ten minutes later a Cruzeiro Airline plane received the Varig pilot's final message, saying he was running out of fuel, only one engine was working and he would make an emergency landing in the jungle.

Arriving with the commission on an Italian Air Force plane yesterday were 120 to 130 family members of the Italian victims, Prensa Latina said in a dispatch monitored in Mexico City.

Rogelio Acevedo, president of the civil aeronautics institute, who heads the government commission that is investigating the crash, met the Italians upon their arrival, Prensa Latina reported.

## Rectal polyp checked Fibre protects

WASHINGTON, Sept. 6. (AP) — A high-fibre diet appears to inhibit the growth of rectal polyps in people with an inherited tendency toward such polyps that can lead to cancer, a four-year study has found.

A team from Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Centre in New York and Cornell University Medical College selected 58 study subjects from patients with familial adenomatous polyposis, an inherited disorder characterized by a large number of polyps in the colon that almost always will progress to cancer without treatment.

The patients had their colon — the large bowel — removed. The report appearing yesterday in the journal of the National Cancer Institute used statistics to show that the higher the fibre in a person's diet, the fewer the polyps.

Rectal polyps frequently decline spontaneously after removal of the large bowel in this disorder.

Members of the high-group consumed an average of 22 grammes of fibre a day, about twice what is contained in an average diet, through the inclusion of special cereals in their diet. Only about 10 per cent of the population normally includes this much fibre.

## Hurricane churns

Bermuda and the east coast with winds of 135 miles per hour today, raising 10-foot (three metre) swells up to 1,300 miles (2,090 kilometres) away on north Carolina's outer banks.

Gabrielle's 500-mile (800 kilometre) wide spiral bypassed the Caribbean and was expected to reach Bermuda by Friday or Saturday.

Already the Atlantic season's biggest hurricane, it was upgraded last evening to a category 4 hurricane, with 5 the strongest.

A US Air Force reconnaissance plane flew over Gabrielle late yesterday and reported rising barometric pressure and a slightly expanding eye in the hurricane, signs that strengthening could be unlikely, forecasters said. (AP)

## Earthquake shakes island

An earthquake shook the Azores island of Sao Miguel today causing panic.

Residents of the mid-Atlantic island ran out of their homes in panic but there were no immediate reports of injuries.

There was also no indication available immediately of the earthquake's intensity but locals said it was one of the strongest in years.

Tremors regularly rattle the nine-island Azores archipelago, which belongs to Portugal. A 1980 earthquake killed 43 people. (Reuters)

## Stolen F-16 crashed

A Belgian technician stole an F-16 jet fighter and crashed it into a house, destroying the building and apparently killing himself, a Norwegian Air Force official said.

Lieutenant Colonel Svein Fredriksen, of Norway's Orland Air Force Base, said the technician was the only person reported missing after the Belgian single-seat jet fighter crashed at about 1 pm local time (1100 GMT), 15 kilometres (nine miles) from the base west of the city of Trondheim.

The technician, who was not immediately identified, was presumed dead, he said. He was standing a few metres from the wreckage when rescue helicopters were dispatched but found no evidence that he had ejected from the aircraft.

Pilots from Norway, Holland, Belgium and Denmark had joined the exercises in 15 similar fighters, he said. (AP)

## Jumbo engine catches fire

A jumbo jet engine burst into flames as the plane thundered down the runway at Gatwick Airport, outside London, but all 336 passengers escaped unhurt, it was revealed today.

The pilot of the British Airways plane braked moments before take-off yesterday and steered on to a taxiing lane.

Emergency crews sped to the plane as smoke billowed from one of its four engines.

All passengers on the New York flight were removed safely and taken back to the terminal building, according to the British media this morning.

A rescue team took 40 minutes to clear the main runway, causing delays for arriving and departing flights. (Kuna)

## Ecosystem threatened

Degradation of the Alpine region threatens the ecosystem of seven European countries unless urgent measures are taken, a Swiss daily reported yesterday.

Focusing on the contents of the new book — "The Alps" — the Tribune de Geneve cited mass tourism, and forest degradation as among the main reasons for the alarming situation.

The book, sponsored by the World Alliance for Nature, adds that besides tourism, which prompted clearance of forests for ski slopes, soil erosion and pollution.

As protective measures, the book recommends imposition of a tax on mechanical mountain lifts, as well as the prohibition of use of artificial snow and off-slope skiing.

It also suggested that Alpine countries discuss the state of the Alps and sign an international agreement to unify legislation at their next meeting scheduled to take place between the 9th and 11th October. (Kuna)

## Jet entered US illegally

HARRISBURG, Pennsylvania, Sept. 6. (AP) — The Immigration Service said it is deciding whether to impose penalties after a private jet from London dropped passengers off in Pennsylvania and California without clearing immigration checks.

Acting US attorney James West and immigration district director Lyle Karn announced yesterday that the \$13 million Gulfstream jet was released to its pilots. The jet was seized Saturday at Harrisburg International Airport in Pennsylvania.

The Immigration and Naturalisation Service (INS) also said it is looking for one of four passengers from the jet, Cyril Miller, 68, believed to be an English citizen, who flew on the jet from London and stayed in California.

"We're certainly interested in finding that person," said Henry Brattle, deputy director of the INS' Philadelphia office. "I can't say more."

Brattle said the INS is reviewing whether criminal charges should be filed and will determine what fines should be imposed.

Officials said the 20-passenger jet was released after Field Aviation Heathrow Ltd. of England posted a \$100,000 bond. West said the bond would cover any fines and costs for the unauthorised landing.

The jet had been leased to a company in the Grand Cayman Islands, Jetfly Aviation Ltd., which had hired two pilots and a steward from Field Aviation.



## Simenon, creator of Maigret, dies at 86

LAUSANNE, Sept. 6. (AP) — Georges Simenon, widely read author of more than 80 books featuring the Paris police inspector Maigret, has died at his Swiss home at the age of 86, it was announced today.

Simenon died on Monday night, said the Lausanne funeral home Pompes Funebres Generales. His family gave instructions for a private burial later today, the funeral home said.

Simenon had been ailing for some time. The cause of death was not immediately known.

According to Simenon's last wishes, an official announcement will be made only after his burial, the funeral home said.

Simenon's "Maigret" series featured a pipe-smoking chief inspector who sought to understand criminals rather than condemn them.

Though Simenon was best known for the "Maigret" series, he preferred some 132 "non-Maigrets," psychological, sometimes nightmarish novels on people in crisis that put his name into literary encyclopaedias.

His books were translated into 55 languages, including Chinese, Armenian and Yiddish, in 40 countries. In the Soviet Union, some of his novels had initial editions of 500,000 copies. His revealing "Letter To: My Mother" is obligatory reading in French-language school lessons.

At the start of his career, Simenon also wrote about 300 fiction novels under more than 20 pseudonyms.

A 1973 survey by Unesco said sales of Simenon's books totalled more than half a billion worldwide. The books provided the basis for feature movies and more than 300 television films.

About 50 biographies have been written about Simenon. His Paris editor published 21 volumes of "Dictées" (dictations), transcripts of tape-recorded reflections during an eight-year period when Simenon suffered from an ear condition that upset his sense of balance.

In 1981, his "Intimate Memoirs" came out, by far the thickest book to carry his name, which he said would be the last to be published during his lifetime.

He wrote it after the 1978 suicide of his 25-year-old daughter and favourite child, Marie-Jo. It tells a tempestuous story of despair and happiness, of luxury and the longing to return to what he calls "the little people" of his home country.

Simenon was repeatedly said to be a candidate for the Nobel prize in literature.

A friend, the late French Nobel laureate Andre Gide, described Simenon as "the most novelistic of novelists in French literature today."

The older of two children, Simenon was born Feb 13, 1903, in the Belgian town of Liege, shortly after midnight on a Friday.

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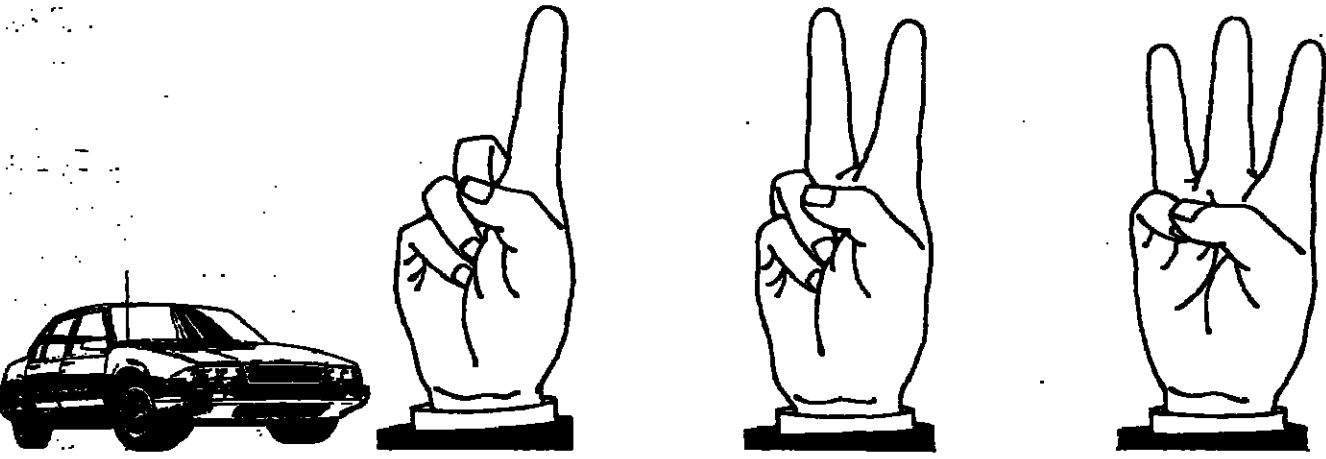
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## Middle-aged women reassured by Harvard report

## US study fails to find link between pill and breast cancer

WASHINGTON, Sept 6, (UPI): Reassuring millions of middle-aged women, Harvard researchers yesterday released a major study that failed to find any link between past birth control pill use and breast cancer.

The study did not, however, provide new evidence about whether younger women taking the pill are at increased risk for breast cancer — a controversial question that has recently caused considerable concern.

Reporting in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute, the Harvard team said it found women over 45 who had used oral

contraceptives in the past did not have an increased risk for breast cancer — even if they had taken the pill for more than 10 years.

The findings contrast with three recent studies conducted in the United States and Britain that found long-term use of oral contraceptives appeared to significantly increase the risk for breast cancer in women under 45.

Dr Walter Willett, co-author of the Harvard study, noted women in his study were generally older than those involved in the earlier studies and few women of the age

group in his study were still taking the pill.

Participants in the continuing nurses' health study, which has tracked the health of about 120,000 nurses in 11 large states since 1976, currently range in age from 43 to 68. About half of the women involved in the study had taken oral contraceptives — a use pattern similar to the general female population, Willett said.

"There does remain an unanswered question about the effects of longer-term contraceptive use in early reproductive life," Willett cautioned. "Since the youngest participant is now 43 and oral contraceptives

did not become available under the early 1960s, this study did not include the generation of women who used oral contraceptives for extended periods before the age of 25."

However, Willett said the new findings should provide reassurance to millions of women now in their 40s and 50s that past use of the pill probably will have little effect on their risk of developing breast cancer.

The Harvard researchers did find the small number of women who continued using the pill after 40 had a "modest" increase in breast cancer risk.

Those who had used oral contraceptives

for at least two years immediately prior to their diagnosis of breast cancer had a risk about 20 per cent greater than that of non-users, while those who started taking the pill within two years of developing cancer had more than triple the risk. However, researchers cautioned those results were based on only 32 cases of breast cancer in current users.

Breast cancer is the second largest cancer killer of US women, claiming 42,000 lives annually.

Estimates on the number of American women currently using birth control pills

range from about seven to 13 million.

In January, a Food and Drug Administration advisory panel rejected a proposal to add a breast cancer warning to labels on oral contraceptives. The action came after the panel unanimously concluded the pill does not increase the overall breast cancer risk to all women.

The committee acknowledged some studies have found pill use increase cancer risk in certain women — such as those under 45, those who are long-time users or those who started at an early age. But experts concluded none of the data was definitive.

## American families change

## More divorces, single parents in US

WASHINGTON, Sept 6, (KUNA): Many more single people, soaring divorce rates and sharp increases in single-parent families are among the dramatic social changes wrought over past generation, the US Census Bureau has disclosed.

In a three-report "snapshot" provided by its population specialists, the bureau showed the US since about 1955 to have:

■ More people marrying much later, from 20.2 years old in 1955 for women and 22.6 for

men to 23.6 for women and 25.9 for men in 1988.

■ More people divorcing, with 35 per 1,000 married people in 1960 versus 133 per 1,000 divorced people by 1988. Three quarters remarry, leading to more families with step-parents.

■ More illegitimate children, especially among blacks, with the highest numbers overall for illegitimate births ever recorded in

the US 80.9 per cent of blacks aged 15 to 44 are born out of wedlock, while 23.2 per cent of white babies are born of unmarried parents.

As a direct result, the Census Bureau reports stated, the numbers of one-parent households has soared from 12.9 per cent in 1970 to 27.3 per cent in 1988. In racial terms the disparities were equally as stark as for illegitimacies: 21.7 per cent of white families were "single-parent" (usually the mother) while for blacks the percentage was 59.4.



Thatcher: save

## Maggie is green

LONDON, Sept 6, (KUNA): Britain's Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher has called for urgent international action to protect the environment while there was still time.

Speaking at the Inter-Parliamentary Union conference in Central London today, she said it was "our bounding duty" to act while there was still time. The list of things that needed to be done was daunting but to demand a better environment meant accepting the cost involved, she added in a wide-ranging speech, the first since the holiday season.

Referring to events in the Soviet Union, Thatcher pointed out that it is essential to understand that the "Soviet people will not be persuaded to make the sacrifices necessary for economic reform to succeed unless they are given their political rights."

## Inquest in death of Briton resumes

NAIROBI, Kenya, Sept 6, (AP): The game warden in charge of a southwestern Kenya game reserve where a British woman died yesterday said there were no indications wood was used in a fire that burned her belongings.

Sion Ok Makala, senior warden at the Masai Mara Reserve, also said footprints led from the car to the direction where Julie Anne Ward's remains — the lower jaw and a leg — were found.

Makala was answering questions from Alex Etyang who is representing the government in an inquest into the 28-year-old woman's death. Ms Ward's father, John War of Bury St Edmund, has hired Byron Giorgiadis, a leading criminal lawyer in Kenya.

The inquest resumed Monday after a three-week suspension. Makala said he formed the impression wood had not been used to make the fire because "there was no charcoal."

He said searchers found coals, a saucepan, camping stove, a spoon, a cap "and other things all burnt" in the ashes. He also said he saw a human leg, "from knee downwards," not very far from the fire. The bone had been burnt where it was severed just below the knee.

The remains were found Sept 13, 1988.

Ward has in the past said his daughter was killed and then efforts were made to burn the body and her belongings.

Makala's assertion that footprints led from Ms Ward's abandoned vehicle at the Sand River contradicted Sebastian Tham who previously told the inquest there were no footprints leading away from the Briton's vehicle.

Tham, a helicopter pilot, and Ward were the first people to reach the vehicle. Ward will testify later.

"The footprints began about 10 metres (32 feet) from the vehicle and went in the riverbed," Makala said. "Then they went over the slope and disappeared in the grass."

Makala said a team of rangers and police officers later found Ms Ward's remains about 10 kilometres (6 miles) from the vehicle after sighting vultures hovering.

Cross examined by Giorgiadis, Makala also contradicted Perez Olindo, a former director of Kenya's Wildlife Conservation and Management Department, and Superintendent Charles Isikha, former local police boss.

Olindo had testified in the morning that he saw no usable track along the Sand River when he searched for Ms Ward's vehicle from the air on Sept 11.

On Monday, Isikha, now based in Nairobi, described the track as a "panya route," a rough route used by smugglers.

## Honduran newspapers blast Anne

## Princess ignores kids

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras, Sept 6, (AP): Honduran newspapers yesterday blasted Britain's Princess Anne as unfriendly and impolite, saying she ignored barefoot children who were trying to greet her.

Anne, who is on a two-day visit to the Central American country as president of the Save the Children Fund, travelled by helicopter yesterday to government hospitals in the provinces. They included a nutrition centre about 250 miles (400 kilometres) northwest of Tegucigalpa.

"Princess Anne arrived, not very nice," read a headline in the Daily Tempo.

"Impoliteness reigned in the visit by Anne," said La Prensa, which has the largest circulation in the country.

"Anne ignored a group of poor children, then majority of them barefoot, who carried welcome signs outside the Tegucigalpa Airport," a story in Tiempo said.



Anne impolite

La Prensa said the president of the Honduran Association Against Polio, Elba Aguiluz De Orellana, was not allowed to give Anne a small carved wooden Mayan stele. "It did

not say if the princess or her aides refused the gift."

"Mrs Orellana said she would save the gift for another visitor but regretted Anne's attitude, simply because that gift was going to be given on behalf of children suffering from polio," the newspaper said.

Princess Anne, 39, the only daughter of Queen Elizabeth and seventh in line to the throne, had been known in the 1970s for her often cold and brisk manner, but her devoted efforts for save the Children and willingness to go to dangerous places to work for the poor have made her one of the most respected members of the royal family.

Buckingham Palace announced a day before Anne left on the trip that she and her husband of 15 years, Mark Phillips, 40, were separating. Princess Anne will return to Ecuador today, where she and Phillips spent a fairy-tale honeymoon just over 15 years ago.



## Walking on water

California lawyer Dan Hodes walks across the sea arrived at Portpatrick five hours after he left Bangor from Northern Ireland to Scotland Tuesday. He (Reuters wirephoto)

## PEOPLE AND PLACES

CONWAY, Arkansas: An inmate who was brought a jailhouse meal from McDonald's peered an "instant winner" game piece from a medium soda and won \$1,000.

"Too bad I won't get it in time for my lawyer," said Charles E. Wilson, after being told it would take up to two months to collect the prize.

Wilson, 33, of Brooksville, Florida, was in jail Sunday night awaiting extradition in a few days to Carthage, Missouri, to face a drug charge when he was brought a fish sandwich, french fries and a coke.

"I thought may I'd win a hamburger and they'd pick me up an extra one," said Wilson, who was arrested on Thursday night. "I pulled it off and said, 'Do what?'"

"It's pretty good to be sitting in jail and win \$1,000," he said. (AP)

WASHINGTON: People holding US government checks soon will have but one year to cash them or they must go to the trouble of having the check reissued, the US Treasury Department said on Tuesday.

A new law requires checks dated Oct 1 and later to be cashed within one year of issue. The phrase "void after one year" will be printed on the checks as a reminder.

The law also required people holding checks dated prior to Oct 1 to cash them no later than Sept 30, 1990.

Commissioner W.E. Douglas of the department's financial management service said in a statement that "not only is it a poor business practice to keep the government's books open 'forever,' it is also expensive to maintain the records."

## Adamson case

## Suspect charged

NAIROBI, Sept 6, (Reuters): A Somali tribesman has been charged with the murder of conservationist George Adamson and two of his employees in a remote game reserve in northeastern Kenya two weeks ago.

Ahmed Abdi Shurie was charged in a Nairobi magistrate's court yesterday along with others who were not in court. He was not required to plead and was remanded in custody for two weeks.

Adamson and his two employees were shot dead in Kora National Reserve on Aug 20.

WASHINGTON: Sixty per cent of blacks still find racism intrudes on their daily lives and 79 per cent believe racial attacks can happen in their towns and cities, a USA Today poll shows.

The survey was conducted following the racially motivated slaying of a black teenager in the Bensonhurst section of Brooklyn. The telephone poll found higher-income blacks are much more likely to perceive racism on the job, while shopping or seeking housing, in the criminal justice system, in social settings, in newspapers, and on radio and TV. (Kuna)

KINGSTON, Jamaica: Jamaican singer and actress Grace Jones failed to appear on Tuesday for her trial on a charge of cocaine possession and the court has threatened to issue an order for her arrest.

Ms Jones' attorney Tom Tavares Simes told St Andrew Criminal Court magistrate Owen Parkin that her "absence was due to contractual obligations in Italy which she was unable to break, and should not be taken as any form of disrespect for the court."

Parkin issued an arrest warrant, then immediately suspended it until Oct 3 — the date he picked to reschedule the trial. If Ms Jones does not appear for the rescheduled trial the arrest warrant will go into effect.

BROWNSVILLE, Texas: Five endangered Philippine crocodiles that hatched on Tuesday at the Gladys Porter Zoo are believed to be the first to hatch away from the Philippines, a scientist said.

Two more were trying to break out of their shells on Tuesday afternoon, said Pat Burchfield, a herpetologist and deputy director of the zoo.

There are only 400 to 500 Philippine crocodiles in the wild. The species, known scientifically as *Crocodylus mindorensis*, has declined because of human encroachment on their habitat, Burchfield said.

The olive green, 3-4-inch-long (22-centimetre) babies hatched from 13 eggs laid at the zoo 73 days before, he said.

## Feds may probe police action during beach riots

VIRGINIA BEACH, Virginia, Sept 6, (AP): Labour Day weekend ended with a skirmish after two nights of clashes between police and black college students. The US Justice Department said it was studying videotapes to see if police used excessive force.

Shortly before midnight local time (0400 GMT) Monday, a crowd of about 40 young people protested when a police dog tore at the clothes of a man officers were arresting. Police stalled off the area and the confrontation ended about 20 minutes later.

Yesterday, Atlantic Avenue, the waterfront thoroughfare jammed by an estimated 100,000 young people 48 hours earlier, was nearly deserted, with many shops boarded up.

In Washington, Justice Department spokeswoman Deborah Burston-Wade said "It's very possible" that the FBI and the department's Civil Rights Division will open an investigation into whether police and National Guardsmen used undue force to quell rioting.

She said the department is reviewing

videotapes of the clashes to determine if there is a basis for a criminal investigation. So far, the department has received no citizen complaints of excessive police force, she said.

During the melee, police wielded 30-inch (76-centimetre) riot batons but used no tear gas against rioters, who threw bottles and bricks and looted at least 100 businesses. Two men were wounded by gunfire, but authorities said officers fired no shots.

Students from predominantly black East Coast colleges made up much of the crowd.

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# US journalists hurt in blast

Public rallies banned in Bogota to curtail terrorist attacks

BOGOTA, Sept 6, (UPI): Ten people including two US journalists were wounded in a series of bombings and arson attacks in Medellin, headquarters of one of the cocaine cartels waging war against the government, police said today.

Details of the attacks came after Colombia's acting justice minister said the only way to curb drug traffickers is to stop drug abuse in the United States.

Reporter Bernadette Pardo, 35, and cameraman Carlos Corrales, 31, of the US-based, Spanish-language news network Univision were wounded in the bombing of a restaurant La Bella Epoca last night, police said. Pardo suffered a broken collarbone and Corrales (Cuban American) sustained slight wounds.

Restaurant employee Javier Tirado said a woman who had eaten with a companion apparently planted the bomb.

"The pair entered and ate and the woman went to the bathroom and left the bomb," he said, adding the woman then ran out to the street. The bomb exploded moments later, wounding four diners, including the journalists.

Police said eight others were wounded in the bombings of two banks and a police assistance centre.

Earlier yesterday, armed men also invaded the restaurant La Estacion in Medellin, a regional capital 150 miles northwest of Bogota and home to the Medellin cocaine cartel. The men

ordered out guests and set the restaurant ablaze with gasoline, destroying the building but causing no injuries.

And in Bogota yesterday, men on a motorcycle gunned down an army colonel's wife.

At least 27 bombs have exploded in Colombia, three people killed and more than 130 wounded in actions believed by police to be linked to cocaine gangs who declared "war" on the nation Aug 24 in the face of a all-out government offensive.

In Bogota, Colombian media reported public rallies will be restricted to cut chances for terrorist attacks, with violators subject to fines. Bogota's mayor left open the possibility of a local curfew, already in effect in Medellin.

Five US helicopters arrived in Colombia yesterday to help the government wage a counter-attack. The choppers were the third installment of a \$65 million US assistance plan under which surveillance jets, transport aircraft, small weapons and technical advisers have been sent to Colombia.

In Washington, President Bush outlined a \$7.9 billion anti-drug offensive that includes up to \$2 billion in anti-drug aid over five years to Colombia, Peru and Bolivia, with the aid contingent upon gains the three nations make in fighting cocaine production.

Bush's address was broadcast live with Spanish translation over Colombian radio and was shown a short time later on



An elderly woman is carried out of her house by Red Cross volunteers in Medellin after being injured by a bomb blast. (Reuters wirephoto)

Colombian national television.

Colombian Communications Minister Carlos Lemos Simondes said his country's cocaine cartels can be put out of business only by curbing demand for the drug in the United States.

"If consumption is not

reduced in the United States, the world will never be able to effectively combat narcotics trafficking," said Simondes, filing in for Justice Minister Monica de Greiff.

Colombia's fierce war on drugs is being run by President Virgilio Barco, who has been

portrayed by newspapers in his own country as a weak leader incapable of ruling his violent nation.

Venezuela will extradite any Colombian drug lords attempting to escape arrest by entering this country, police director Mauro Yanez said yesterday.

# Bush proposes war on narcotics

\$7.9 billion plan unveiled

WASHINGTON, Sept 6, (AP): President George Bush, calling drugs "the gravest domestic threat facing" the United States, is proposing a \$7.9 billion war on narcotics with harsher penalties for users and more money for prisons, treatment and education.

Bush warned Latin American drug lords in a speech last night that "the rules have changed." For the first time, Bush pledged US military help to any government that requests it in an all-out assault against drugs.

"Drugs are sapping our strength as a nation," the President said in his first nationally televised address from the White House. He punctuated his speech by displaying a plastic bag of crack cocaine seized across the street from the President's home and office in Washington.

To attack cocaine at its source, Bush proposed a four-fold increase in the amount of military and law enforcement aid for Colombia, Bolivia and Peru, to \$261.2 million in 1990. He called it the down payment on

a \$2 billion, five-year programme for the Andes Mountains region, with more aid contingent on each nation's progress in eradicating drugs.

That money is separate from the \$65 million worth of military equipment and aid that Bush authorised this month for Colombia to combat a new, bloody offensive by the country's drug barons.

In the United States, Bush called for a battle fought "neighbourhood by neighbourhood, block by block, child by child," and sought a crackdown against those who use drugs. Even casual users would pay, by losing their driving privileges or spending time in military-style boot camps.

## Sceptics

Members of the opposition Democratic Party in Congress were immediately sceptical.

"Unless the President supports the tax increase will be necessary to fight this war, the drug dealers are going to win," said Dan Rostenkowski, chairman of the powerful, money-allocating House Ways and Means committee.

"As despicable as drug dealers are, they understand economics," said Rostenkowski, trying a tax increase to pay for the plan. "If you want to play, you've got to pay."

To help offset the cost of his programme, Bush proposed diverting \$751 million from other programmes including juvenile justice, housing, immigration and economic development.

"We can pay for this fight against drugs without raising taxes or adding to the budget deficit," Bush insisted.

With the illicit trade in cocaine and crack creating violence and record murder rates across the country, US citizens appear ready for a new assault against drugs.

A Gallup poll released at the White House last month said a record 27 per cent of Americans consider drugs the most important problem facing the nation, above poverty, the economy, the environment and fear of war.

Bush held up the bag of cocaine, and said it was as "innocent looking as candy." But the President added: "If we fight this war as a divided nation, then the war is lost. But if we face this evil as a nation united, this will be nothing but a handful of useless chemicals."

## The plan

Here are some of the key elements of Bush's plan:

■ Authorisation of \$1.6 billion for prisons, \$250 million to strengthen the court system, \$3.1 billion for law enforcement, \$1.2 billion for drug-use prevention and education, and \$925 million for treatment.

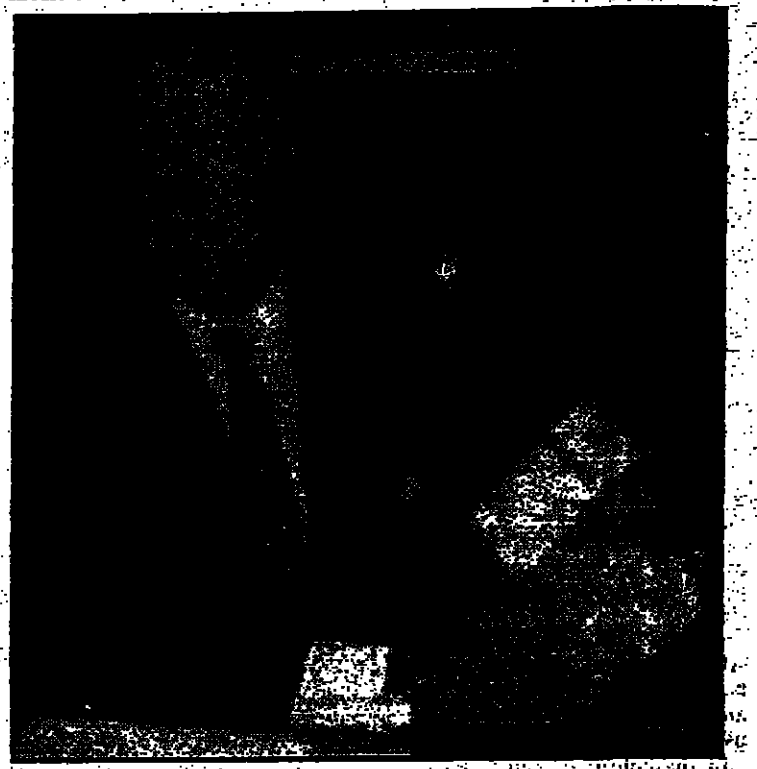
■ Money for local law enforcement efforts would more than double, to about \$350 million, to finance a street-level attack on drugs.

■ States were urged to adopt stiffer fines for casual drug users, from seizing users' cars and suspending drivers' licences to sending some offenders to military-style camps.

■ As a condition for receiving federal money, schools, colleges and universities would be required to adopt drug prevention programmes.

■ States and local governments, as well as private institutions and companies, were urged to adopt drug-testing programmes for employees. Drug testing would be mandatory for federal arrestees, prisoners and parolees for illegal drug use.

■ The nation's insurance companies were urged to cover drug treatment programmes in their policies. But Bush stopped short of proposing mandatory standards.



Bush displays a bag of cocaine while outlining his drug policy in the Oval Office on Tuesday. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Bush strategy

### 'Won't work'

LOS ANGELES, Sept 6, (AP): President George Bush's battle plan against drugs sounded like a classroom lecture by a teacher who didn't know the subject, say addicts and counsellors at a drug treatment centre.

"He's talking like he's talking to a bunch of schoolchildren," said Frank, 33, who is addicted to painkillers. He watched Bush's speech on television last night at the centre for chemical dependency at Cedar-Sinai Medical Centre.

"He sounded like a third-grade schoolteacher," added Jerry, 34, who is trying to overcome an addiction to heroin. "He was talking about rocks on the table. He didn't make it any more."

She referred to the plastic bag of rock cocaine the president used as a prop during his speech.

Frank, Terry and Richard — who is an alcoholic — watched the speech in a room at the sprawling medical centre, which has a 27-bed voluntary treatment programme. The patients asked to be identified only by their first names.

Dr Ronald Gershman, the medical director of the unit, also listened to Bush's speech.

"He made one big blunder, calling cocaine the nation's No. 1 drug problem," said Gershman, who has been treating addicts for 15 years. "Alcoholism, is the No. 1 drug in the nation. I think they are being very narrow to focus all their attention on cocaine. It's a scapegoat."

"He talks about cocaine fields in Colombia how about the California marijuana fields?" Gershman said.

Terry said Bush's plan to spend \$925 million for treatment of addicts was far too little.

**Bush plan under fire:** Opposition Democrats are warning that a tax increase may be needed to pay for Republican President George Bush's drug plan, which Bush wants to finance in part by cutting programmes with broad congressional support.

Most Democrats were quick to praise the programme's aims, including tougher penalties for users, stepped-up interdiction and more money for prisons, treatment programmes, education and prevention.

But many questioned the proposal to help pay the bill by squeezing \$16 million from existing programmes. The subject is likely to come up tomorrow when national drug co-ordinator William Bennett defends the outline before the Senate judiciary committee.

"It's very difficult to assume we can, at least over the long term, meet the cost of the drug war without some additional revenue coming into the government," Democratic House Speaker Thomas Foley, said after a White House briefing for congressional leaders.

"This is a war on drugs, not a war on the American taxpayer," countered Senate Republican leader Bob Dole, a backer of Bush's plan. (AP)

**Spearhead officers to be tried:** The police are expected to recommend trying a group of Israeli reserve officers suspected of training Colombian gunmen on charges of illegally exporting military expertise, a senior police official said today.

Such proceedings would represent an unusual crackdown by the defence establishment on Israelis involved in overseas weapons deals, who have often been protected by their reputations as wartime heroes.

The news of army officers' involvement triggered a public uproar, partly out of embarrassment over allegations of their links with the Medellin drug cartel which was blamed for assassinations in Colombia.

The probe of six Israeli officers of the security firm Hod Hahazit, or Spearhead, was launched on Aug 27 after an American television network broadcast a film showing a uniformed man speaking Hebrew during a training session of supposed drug assassins. (AP)

**Laundering to be stopped:** The world's seven leading industrial democracies are to discuss ways of stopping drug barons from laundering their profits, the French government announced today.

A meeting in Paris next week will be attended by senior officials from the United States, Japan, West Germany, France, Britain, Italy and Canada, a statement said.

President Francois Mitterrand told a weekly cabinet session, the meeting would study how to dovetail national legal systems and boost co-operation to combat the laundering of drug money.

## Colombian action halts US cocaine supply

WASHINGTON, Sept 6, (Reuters): Colombia's all-out war on drug traffickers has virtually halted the flow of cocaine into the United States, at least temporarily, a senior customs agent said yesterday.

Ken Ingleby, special agent in charge of the customs office in San Diego, California, said the supply had been disrupted "almost totally in the last 10 days."

"I think as long as the Colombian government stays with the tactics they're employing now, they will have a significant impact on the traffickers," he said in a telephone interview.

NBC news reported earlier that wholesale cocaine prices paid by dealers had almost doubled as a result of the Colombian push against the cocaine cartel kingpins.

The Colombian anti-drug push began last month after the slaying of a leading presidential candidate. Colombian President Virgilio Barco responded to the killing with a crackdown on the cartels, including confiscations, arrests and promises of extradition for traffickers wanted in the United States. These countries provide almost all of the cocaine available in the United States.



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# S. Africa's whites vote, blacks strike

## Non-whites reject de Klerk's hollow promise

JOHANNESBURG, Sept. 6. (Agencies): Whites voted in a general election today in towns deserted by millions of voteless black staging one of the biggest protest strikes in South African history.

Acting President F.W. de Klerk's ruling National Party (NP) is expected to be returned to power for the 11th time in what could be the last poll to exclude the black majority.

But de Klerk's election pledge to give 25 million blacks a role in government were resoundingly rejected by millions of non-whites who boycotted workplaces and schools on the second day of a national strike against their exclusion from the polls.

A small bunch of agitators are behind the problems in our country," he said.

The independent labour monitoring group put the number of striking workers at between two and three million. The largest previous strike was in June 1988 when 2.5 million workers staged a "protest" stoppage against the imposition of emergency rule.

Near Cape Town police fired shotguns and rubber bullets at a crowd of about 100 people protesting against the election at a polling station in the coloured (mixed-race) township of Grassy Park, witnesses said.

But the protesters, bearing placards, exclaiming "don't vote," said no one was hurt in the clash.

Across the country, South Africa's two million white voters began to cast their ballots in cities and towns virtually devoid of the usual crowds and bustle.

In the coloured Reiger Park township near Johannesburg scores of police whipped a crowd of "placard-waving" demonstrators protesting against the election.

Police reported that youths in townships across the country set up burning barricades and threw stones and petrol bombs in political unrest during the past 24 hours.

Police reported dozens of stone-throwing and arson incidents over the past 24 hours, many of them linked to street demonstrations attempting to keep black workers from leaving the townships for nearby cities.

A least 340 people were injured, police said, including 300 University of Natal students and academics.

The Durban and Port Elizabeth areas remained paralyzed by the strike.

Transport officials said ridership on trains in the industrial Witwatersrand region surrounding Johannesburg was down by 65 per cent, and a spokesman for the Associated Chambers of Commerce said the stayaway was "quite obviously very, very substantial."

In the Johannesburg area voting started slowly in chilly, blustery weather. Small groups of police guarded a number of polling stations, but kept a low profile.

De Klerk was cheered by an enthusiastic crowd of supporters when he and his wife turned up early to vote in the Pretoria constituency of Waterkloof.

Last night about 500 activists chanting political slogans burnt an effigy of De Klerk in Lenasia, an Indian residential area outside Johannesburg.

De Klerk has promised the country's estimated 12.5 million disenfranchised blacks — about half the total 25 million black population — a limited but unspecified say in national politics at the next election.

But police have clamped down on a six-week-long pre-election campaign of defiance against apartheid, using whips, water cannon and teargas against protesters and detaining thousands.

South Africa's 1.5 million coloured and 510,000 Indian voters can vote for racially segregated chambers but, these have no say on decisions in the powerful white house of assembly.

Counting was due to start immediately after polling stations closed at 9 pm (1900 GMT) today and the final result should be known early tomorrow.

Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu, one of the leaders of the defiance campaign, branded the election a complete farce.

**Nujoma**

Sam Nujoma, leader of Namibia's South West Africa People's Organisation (Swapo), will return to Namibia on Sept 14 after almost 30 years in exile, a spokesman for the movement said today.

"Our leader is coming home to stay," the Swapo director of elections, Hage Geingob, announced at a news conference.

The co-chairman of the panel of eminent persons conducting public hearings on South Africa, Cansan S. Banana, today warned of a "terrible bloodbath" in South Africa unless the international community urgently supported measures to end apartheid.

The Congress of South African Trade Unions (Cosatu), the country's biggest labour organisation, said three million people, including two million non-union workers, and several million schoolchildren took part in the "stayaway."

"The significant thing is that more people have taken action in opposition to apartheid than have voted in the apartheid elections," said Cosatu General Secretary Jay Naidoo. He said the strike was the largest in South African history.

The scale of the protest exposes the government's arguments that a

A coloured (mixed race) resident of Reiger Park in Boksburg South Africa holds a poster at an anti-apartheid rally on Monday. The rally condemned the Conservative Party-controlled council of Boksburg for reimposing strict apartheid. (Reuter wirephoto)

A worker completes a sign advertising Johannesburg's main evening newspaper, the Star, predicting loss for South Africa's ruling National Party in limited parliamentary elections on Wednesday. (Reuter wirephoto)

Anti-apartheid church leader Dr Allan Boesak (right) together with other lawyers and academics, negotiates with police in an armoured vehicle outside his church Tuesday in Bellville, South Africa. (Reuter wirephoto)

Thousands call for Roh's ouster

SEOUL, Sept. 6. (AP): Thousands of students, workers and Buddhist monks calling for the ouster of President Roh Tae-woo demonstrated today in five cities in stepped-up anti-government protests.

Police fired tear gas to break up the protests in Seoul, Pusan, Suwon, Masan and Taegu. Witnesses reported some arrests and injuries but police had no overall figures.

The most serious protest of the day broke out in the southern industrial city of Masan, where 5,000 workers fought police for hours, demanding the government investigate violence against union leaders.

The protesters in Masan, south of Seoul, staged hit-and-run street battles with police after 2,500 riot police firing tear gas blocked their march through downtown areas.

"Down with Roh Tae-woo" and "stop suppressing the labour movement," protesters shouted.

In Seoul, more than 1,000 combat-clad riot police and four armoured vehicles firing tear gas stormed onto the sprawling campus of state-run Seoul national university to break up an anti-government rally.

"Overthrow Roh Tae-woo," screamed students as they fled

samples of cocaine and hashish. The pair were accused of entering the country to study the possibility of exporting cocaine and hashish from their factories to Indonesia.

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"We have heroin and morphine but not much," he said. "Indonesia is so far only a transit place for international drug syndicates. It is the first time I have discovered a giant international drug syndicate turning its attention to the Indonesian market."

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They said 46 people had been rescued from the ferry Si Mawar.

# Polling ends in Netherlands

THE HAGUE, Sept. 6. (UPI): Polling stations closed in Holland today after a bright, sunny general election in which the country's 11 million electorate were expected to return caretaker Prime Minister Ruud Lubbers to power for his third successive term.

Pre-election polls said Lubbers, the charismatic leader of Holland's Christian Democratic Party, would be given a vote of confidence by the electorate — if not increasing his mandate at least keeping his party's position in Parliament.

The main final poll, taken by the respected Nipo Institute, said Lubbers' party would maintain its 54 seats in the 150-seat Parliament to remain the largest party in the house. Another poll taken Tuesday said Lubbers would increase his vote by two seats.

If Lubbers keeps his position as the largest party, he is automatically ensured appointment tomorrow as government-broker to form a coalition in a process that can take months.

All pre-election polls have said the main

losers of the election were to be Lubbers' hitherto coalition partner, the Liberals who were expected to drop five of their 22 seats.

Even given this loss the existing two-party coalition would still have a reduced majority of one.

Elections were called ahead of schedule after Lubbers' centre-right government collapsed on May 2 in a dispute over an ambitious plan to clean up the country's polluted air, soil and waterways by 2010. A general election had been set for next May.

# Martial law will continue in China

PARIS, Sept. 6. (AP): Chinese Prime Minister Li Peng says lingering threats of "subversion" prevent his government from lifting martial law, a French newspaper reported today.

In the interview with the conservative Le Figaro, Li characterized the communist government as "stable" and declared that China would continue reforms to modernize its economy despite sanctions imposed by Western governments in response to the bloody crackdown on pro-democracy demonstrators in June.

"We think that these types of sanctions are harmful to the Western countries also," he was quoted as saying during the two-hour interview Sept. 1. "If your capitalists want to lose the Chinese market, they can. It's their business."

The newspaper said Li cited ongoing joint ventures with French and British firms as evidence that Western investors have adopted a more realistic line toward China than their governments since tanks rolled into Tiananmen Square on June 4 and two months of student-led protest against the Communist Party leadership.

Li was quoted as saying that 18.5 per cent inflation, corruption in the party, and uneven distribution of wealth had fuelled the discontent expressed in the protests. The government is taking measures to correct the imbalances and end nepotism, he said.

But Li asserted that "disaffection and rebellion should be separated," Le Figaro said. While suggesting clemency for demonstrators not involved in "looting, arson, homicide or violence against the military," Li ruled out a general amnesty, it said.

What Li termed "latent dangers" — alleged internal subversion and infiltration from unspecified foreign countries — prevent the lifting of martial law in the near future, he was quoted as saying.

Li said that the People's Liberation Army troops in Beijing assist the civilian police in coping with, among other things, certain "bad elements" armed with automatic weapons, the newspaper reported.

Dismissing Western condemnation of human rights violations committed during the crackdown, Li accused two of his leading critics — France and the United States — of ignoring human rights during different periods in their histories, Le Figaro said.

"Before the arrival of the Europeans, there were Indians in America," Li was quoted as saying. "Where have they gone now? They have been parked on reservations. For those people, where are human rights?"

Li also accused the news media, particularly television, of distorting the truth, especially in the widely viewed image of a lone man blocking a column of tanks on a Beijing street.

"This image made (US) President (George) Bush say that this man was really extraordinary," Li was quoted as saying. "But there is another explanation. If we examine this scene objectively, doesn't it demonstrate the humanity of the Chinese army and record the gentleness of the commander?"

"As if a man could stop a tank by himself."

China's leading daily reported today that students at 600 universities were involved in this spring's pro-democracy protests, which it said resulted from the students' elitism and a lack of realism.

Shanghai's education department, meanwhile, announced stern disciplinary measures for city universities, including restrictions on students' establishing private associations or journals.

# NEWS IN BRIEF



Up above the sky

Two cosmonauts orbited the earth yesterday and prepared to climb aboard the Mir space station after technical delays and tight finances forced a four-month break in the Soviet Union's manned space programme.

Mission commander Alexander Viktorov and engineer Alexander Serebrov rose a rocket trailing orange flame into a star-filled night sky early yesterday. They Soyuz TM-8 capsule is scheduled to dock with the Mir station on Friday.

Viktorov and Serebrov have a busy schedule of construction and science experiments laid out for them during their six-month mission aboard the now vacant orbital station Mir.

To help the space programme pay more of its own way, the Soviets have allowed commercial advertising on the flight.

One of the three stages of the 40-metre (160-foot) tall booster was painted bright orange and displayed a huge advertisement for Generali, an Italian insurance company. (Reuter wirephoto)



Space sunflower

A Japanese-made rocket successfully lifted a meteorological satellite into orbit around the earth yesterday, the government's National Space Development Agency said.

Agency officials said the \$36.4 million satellite, named Himawari (Sunflower) No. 4, was launched from the Tanegashima space centre off Kagoshima on the southern tip of Kyushu, Japan's southernmost main island, at 4:11 am and put into orbit about half an hour later.

**On the road:** Boris Yeltsin, a former Communist Party outcast who rose to new power under this year's open elections in the Soviet Union, plans an "unofficial" visit to the United States, it was announced yesterday.

Yeltsin will make his first visit to the United States from Saturday to Sept. 23, giving lectures on the theme, "Frontiers of Soviet Democracy," in New York, Baltimore, Washington, Chicago, Philadelphia, Minneapolis, Indianapolis, Dallas and Miami.

Yeltsin also plans to visit AIDS clinics in various cities, starting with the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Centre in New York. (UPI)

**Warning issued:** A shadowy rightist group claimed responsibility yesterday for the murder of a Chilean leftist leader gunned down hours earlier in central Santiago and warned that other killings could follow.

"We take full responsibility... We will not stop in the execution of other leftist leaders," said a caller to radio stations who said he was speaking in the name of the previously unknown "11th of September Front."

The group said it was avenging attacks by leftist guerrillas on the security forces. Eight policemen had died this year in such attacks. (Reuter)

**Exhibit opens:** From cuisinarts to a fiery red Corvette sports car, a new exhibit on commercial design gave Soviets a peek Tuesday at the American lifestyle.

For some of the visitors the symbols of prosperity left a bitter taste.

"They are on the moon, we are in a pile of manure," said one unnamed comment in the visitors' book.

"That's how real people live," said another. "The Americans don't forbid people from living the good life, why can't we have the same things?"

The hundreds of Soviets who crowded in one of the first day of the exhibit gazed at food processors, watched videos of American life and chatted about Western lifestyles with 24 Russian-speaking guides. (AP)

**Peru in the dark:** Lima and much of Peru was blacked out Tuesday night, minutes before US President George Bush gave a tough speech that promised to crack down on drug traffickers throughout the Andes.

The blackout was the sixth since June, most of which have been caused by leftist rebels blowing up high-tension power pylons. The Shining Path, known to operate in league with drug barons, has been fighting to topple Peru's elected government since 1980. (AP)

# Five killed as fire sweeps entire village

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept. 6. (AP): Five people were killed and about 7,000 others were made homeless when fire swept through Kampung Titingan near Tawau, 1,166 kilometres (910 miles) east of Kuala Lumpur, officials said.

The fire, which broke out at about 6:45 am (1045 GMT) yesterday, raced through the village, engulfing all the wooden homes. Tawau fire department chief Lucius Akang told the national news agency Bernama.

Five fire engines and about 30 men from the Tawau and Tawau airport fire brigades were still fighting the blaze five hours after it started, Akang said.

Scores of injured people were being treated at the Tawau government hospital.

**28 die as ferry sinks in Indonesia**

JAKARTA, Sept. 6. (Reuter): At least 28 people died and more than 100 are still missing after a ferry sank in a storm about 80 miles north of the Indonesian resort island of Bali, search and rescue officials said today.

They said 46 people had been rescued from the ferry Si Mawar.

**Decision urged:** Elie Wiesel, the Nobel peace prize winning author, said Tuesday that Pope John Paul II should take a clear position in the controversy over whether to move a Roman Catholic convent away from the Auschwitz Death Camp in Poland.

The pope has made no public comment on the controversy over the Carmelite Convent, which was to be moved to an interfaith prayer centre under an agreement between Jewish and Catholic leaders signed in Geneva in 1987. (AP)

**Price regains power:** The party led by centrist former Prime Minister George Price, who led Belize to independence from Britain, narrowly defeated incumbent Manuel Esquivel's Conservative Party in general elections, according to results announced early Tuesday.

The results from Sunday's election gave Price's People's United Party 15 seats in the lower house of the bicameral legislature to 13 for Esquivel's United Democratic Party. (AP)

**Pollution 'disasters':** A Soviet biologist warned Tuesday that pollution was causing "irreversible changes" in the Caspian Sea and other large Soviet lakes.

V. N. Yakovlev, of the Soviet Academy of Sciences, said that since 1960 the volume of Aral Lake in Uzbekistan had fallen by half and salinity had risen sharply, wiping out some kinds of animal life.

Industrial and agricultural pollution was "disastrous," he said. Too much water was being drawn from the tributaries flowing into the lakes, reducing water levels. (AP)

**300,000 birds killed:** A federal government agency said on Tuesday it estimated that the Alaska oil spill had claimed the lives of more than 300,000 birds.

US Fish and Wildlife Service spokesman Bruce Batten said 33,000 dead, oil-soaked seabirds had been picked up by clean-up workers since the spill of crude oil from the crippled Exxon Valdez supertanker in Prince William Sound. (Reuter)

**Historian dies:** Sir Ronald Syme, an Oxford historian who shook up notions of ancient Rome with his theories on the intrigues of its nobles, has died, the university said Tuesday. He was 86.

The respected historian died Monday at an Oxford Hospital he entered last week, said Dr Martin Francis, secretary of the governing body of Oxford's Wolfson College, where Syme had lived since 1975. (AP)

# Chinese pilot defects

TAIPEI, Sept. 6. (Reuter): A Chinese military pilot defected to Taiwan in his MIG-19 fighter today, a Taiwan Defence Ministry spokesman said.

The pilot, first Lieutenant Jiang Wenbiao, 24, landed on the offshore stronghold Quemoy at 2:16 pm (0616 GMT), the 14th airman to defect since 1960 from the communist mainland to Nationalist Taiwan.

Jiang is the first defector to land on Quemoy, a tiny island just off the Chinese coast which bristles with military hardware and is seen by Taipei as the first line of defence against a possible Chinese attack.

A Nationalist airforce general, who asked not to be named, said the military was taken by surprise by the pilot's short flight from China's Fujian province.

He said the actual flight was only about 50 km (30 miles) and there was no time to intercept the plane.

**Baby girls' plight**

**Sheer torture**

BEIJING, Sept. 6. (Reuter): A Chinese couple tortured their five-year-old daughter, even dragging her through a field behind a tractor, because a fortune teller said she would bring bad luck to their son, an official newspaper said today.

Highlighting the plight of baby girls who are often abandoned or maltreated because Chinese traditionally prefer sons, China Daily said the couple gave their daughter at birth to the fortune teller and repossessed her five years later.

**Indonesia arrests two W.Germans for drug dealing**

JAKARTA, Sept. 6. (UPI): Indonesian police announced today they have arrested two West Germans suspected of being members of an international drug syndicate.

Col. Jeanne Mandagi said Marthin Mueller Karl Leopold, 30, and Peter Matheson, 26, were apprehended in a hotel Aug 19 and 21. She said both used fake passports to enter Indonesia and one was in possession of

samples of cocaine and hashish. The pair were accused of entering the country to study the possibility of exporting cocaine and hashish from their factories to Indonesia.

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# Cholera epidemic hits China frontier

800 infected

BEIJING, Sept. 6. (Reuter): At least six people have died and nearly 800 have been infected in a cholera epidemic sweeping China's northwest frontier region of Xinjiang, an official newspaper reported today.

The China Daily said the epidemic was concentrated in 17 rural counties around Kashgar, a Muslim-dominated town near the border with the Soviet Union along the ancient silk road.

The epidemic was potentially more devastating than some previous outbreaks, which killed hundreds of people, the daily said.

Two strains of virus have been identified, more than in previous years, and a prolonged drought was forcing about 2.2 million people to drink from polluted reservoirs, it quoted a local health official as saying.

"Cholera tends to be more prevalent in the autumn in the south of the region (Xinjiang) where drinking water comes from ... waterlogged dams formed by melting snow from the nearby Tianshan mountains," the newspaper said.

Xinjiang, a vast desert area that is home to about seven million of China's Muslim Uighur minority, has suffered successive epidemics caused by polluted water.

One outbreak of hepatitis killed more than 600 in poor rural counties around Kashgar in 1987 and a cholera epidemic that struck last year was estimated to have killed about 100.

The newspaper said Xinjiang authorities have sent 10 medical teams to the area to fight the lethal disease but gave no indication of when the epidemic would be brought under control.

It did not say how many of the 796 people infected were likely to die. Medical teams have also arrived in eastern Jiangsu province, where 440 cases of polio were reported between February and August this year, the daily said, compared to 584 cases nation-wide in all of 1988.



## 'Turkey forces Cyprus into Greek embrace'

BELGRADE, Sept 6. (Reuters): President George Vassiliou of Cyprus said today Turkey was forcing him into military co-operation with Greece by keeping troops on the island and supporting a breakaway Turkish-Cypriot state.

"Turkey always said that they don't want to see Cyprus as part of a military circle around them," Vassiliou told Reuters in an interview at the non-aligned

summit in Belgrade.

"But by keeping their army there, they are obliging us to co-operate with Greece, militarily as well," said Vassiliou, the leader of the island's Greek-Cypriot community.

Cyprus has been divided since 1974 when a Greek-backed coup in the capital, Nicosia, prompted Turkey to invade and occupy the island's north.

Turkish-Cypriots set up a breakaway state in 1983 under the leadership of Rauf Denkash, but Turkey is the only country which recognises it.

"I believe that the strategic interests of Turkey today can be better met by a united, neutral, non-aligned Cyprus ... rather than the kind of state that we have today, where tension is growing," Vassiliou said.

He said he would never recognise the Turkish-Cypriot state and criticised Denkash for suspending United Nations-sponsored talks on reunifying the island as a federation with powers devolved to both the Greek and the Turkish communities.

Diplomats said the 102-member Non-aligned Movement had approved a declaration on Cyprus, to be issued on Thursday.

## Azeris' strike hits the pocket

MOSCOW, Sept 6. (Reuters): A general strike in Soviet Azerbaijan is causing colossal losses and threatening chaos, the republic's Communist Party chief was quoted today as saying.

In an interview with the Azerbaidjan news agency Azerinform, Abdul Vezir accused hooligan elements of using threats to stop people from working.

"The republic is suffering colossal material and moral losses. Economic links with many other regions of the country are being broken," he said. "Breaking these links could throw the republic into chaos."

The week-long strike, now in its third day, was called by the Popular Front mass movement to press its demands for greater autonomy. A spokesman said today that virtually every enterprise in the republic had been hit by the stoppage.

"A mass movement will be held in Lenin Square this evening to give people precise information on how the strike is going," Nazim Ragimov told Reuters by telephone from Baku.

He said public transport, which ran a reduced service on Monday and yesterday, resumed normal schedules today. But otherwise only foodshops and essential services were working.

In Vezir's interview, the text of which was distributed by the Soviet Foreign Ministry, he said he was ready to negotiate with all informal organisations, including the Popular Front, but would not tolerate ultimatums and coercion.

"Surely unjustifiable, illegal acts are not the free expression of the people's will. When hooligans cause disorders, threaten people trying to earn an honest day's living, or insult people, is that free expression?"

The decision to down tools was taken at a meeting of about 100,000 people in central Baku on Saturday. The crowds waved the blue, red and green flag of Azerbaijan's 1918-20 independence period and chanted "strike, strike."

But a Reuters correspondent in Baku on Monday saw a limited response to the strike call. While some factories were idle, others were clearly still working and several shops were open. The city port, however, prepared to have shut down.

The weekly Moscow News said today that about 100 enterprises in Baku had been shut down by the strike, which had also hit the towns of Yevlakh and Akstaf as well as the southern region of Nakhichevan.

The central Soviet press has largely ignored the strike, but a brief report on the official news agency Tass last night said oil refineries were having trouble transporting products and workers.

The Popular Front said earlier that workers on oil rigs were excluded from the strike call, because wells could not be safely shut down.

## Jews might have to wait

WASHINGTON, Sept 6. (AP): The US government, nearing a decision on how to deal with a rising influx of Soviet Jews, is considering a six-month waiting period for those without close relatives in the United States, an official said yesterday.

Also being considered is the possibility of processing refugees in Moscow, with dozens of additional US workers handling the load, and the phasing out of offices in Vienna through which many of the refugees now pass, said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

He stressed, however, that no decision had been taken, although one may be imminent.

A backlog of 35,000 Soviet Jews seeking entry to the United States poses economic and philosophic problems. Having successfully encouraged Moscow to lower its emigration barriers, the United States would find it awkward to restrict admission.

"We are not prepared to announce any policy decisions at this time," said State Department spokeswoman Margaret



Lech Walesa is surrounded by supporters wearing traditional Polish costumes at the beginning of a service given for him in Essen, West Germany. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Poles still horse-trading

'Reform unavoidable'

### Help us: Walesa

WARSAW, Poland, Sept 6. (AP): Prime Minister Tadeusz Mazowiecki tried to complete the delicate task of forging a coalition government of opposition and communists today, a day before he was scheduled to present his nominees to Parliament.

Sources say Mazowiecki, the East Bloc's first non-communist prime minister, would propose that Solidarity hold the largest number of ministerial portfolios, followed by the communists, the United Peasant Party and the Democratic Party.

But Democratic spokesmen said today they were not satisfied with their allotment of seats. The Democrats and Peasants, formerly aligned with the communists, joined with Solidarity last month to give it a parliamentary majority.

Disagreement also apparently remained over the Foreign Ministry and the Ministry of Transport and Communications, both of which the Communist Party is seeking.

An official spokesman, Krzysztof Bakalarski, said today that work on the government continued, and it was not certain if nominees' names would be made public later today or tomorrow.

Solidarity parliamentary leader Bronislaw Geremek said the list for various posts would be finalised today and presented tomorrow evening to Sejm speaker Mikolaj Kozalekiewicz of the Peasant Party.

In an interview with the state news agency Pp, Kozalekiewicz said the Sejm would meet Sept 12

DUESSELDORF, West Germany, Sept 6. (Reuters): Solidarity leader Lech Walesa said today reform was the only path open to Poland and West Germany could help bring it about.

"We discussed the situation in Poland and I said that we must reform. We have no choice," Walesa told a news conference after meeting West German industrialists. "In this reform West Germany can play a large role as our nearest neighbour."

But the industry leaders warned Walesa, on his first visit to West Germany, not to have unrealistic expectations for the pace at which reforms could be implemented.

"It's an illusion to hope you can achieve this in a short time," said Otto Wolff von Amerongen, chairman of a group of industrialists known as the eastern committee.

Amerongen said West German companies were willing to help Poland as it moves from communism to a market-based economy but political reform had to be coupled with economic changes.

Walesa, addressing a committee of the West German Trade Union Federation earlier today, said Poland's major problem was its \$39 billion foreign debt — up to 25 per cent of which is owed to West Germany.

"If we have to pay high interest it would make it impossible to carry out the reforms to improve our living standards," Walesa, on the second day of his four-day visit, said.

"There is so much to be done in Poland and we don't know where to begin the reconstruction. Reforms are our number one priority but they are costly," he said.

Walesa last week called on Western Europe and the United States to invest \$10 billion in Poland to help the new government under Solidarity Prime Minister Tadeusz Mazowiecki rebuild the economy after 45 years of communist rule.

and the key point of the session would be Mazowiecki's presentation of his government programme and the vote on the proposed cabinet.

Kozalekiewicz said three days of parliamentary hearings on proposed candidates would begin Friday.

There are 16 government ministries to be filled, but the number could change if Mazowiecki decides to combine some of the departments or split others.

"We know that it is not going to be government of our dreams, but a result of many concessions," said a commentary today in the pro-Solidarity Gazeta Wyborcza newspaper.

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There was no immediate official explanation for the collision.

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Another official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said last evening that Nato would press hard in Vienna for a treaty provision for the stationing of monitors in the two alliance areas across Europe.

The Washington Post newspaper reported today editions that the proposal would mean inspection of virtually every military installation from the Atlantic Ocean to the Ural Mountains, which divide the European and Asian parts of the Soviet Union.

The official also said Nato was considering a proposal for the expansion of the existing East-West requirements that each side notify the other of certain military manoeuvres.

## GDR bid to woo back its citizens

BUDAPEST, Hungary, Sept 6. (AP): At least 30 of the thousands of East Germans waiting for a promised but elusive mass exodus to the West gave up waiting today and fled to Austria as East Germany (GDR) boosted efforts to woo back its defiant citizens.

Austrian Red Cross officials said 30 East Germans made the risky overnight dash across the Hungarian-Austrian border, where Hungary began dismantling fortifications in May but still maintains barbed wire and other barriers along some stretches.

The number of escapees was sharply up on recent days, when increased Hungarian border patrols and the prospect of an imminent mass caravan to West Germany apparently deterred East Germans from fleeing illegally to Austria.

In Budapest, two East German diplomats sought to convince defiant countrymen to return home, setting up camp outside a tent community sheltering some of 5,500 would-be emigres to the West.

First Secretary Dieter Grahmann of the East German embassy told reporters crowding their trailer that any of the East German refugees were free "to discuss the situation" with him or Second Secretary Wolfgang Forster.

East Germany stepped up efforts yesterday to convince the refugees to return home, with Grahmann handing out leaflets at the Zsigliet tent camp promising no penalties for those who give up their quest to go West.

He retreated after being mobbed by a hostile crowd, and Zsigliet residents also showed little interest today in visiting his trailer on the other side of the street about five metres (yards) away.

Small groups gathered near the brown and white trailer shortly after it was towed into place at 9:45 am (0745 GMT). But none approached the door in the first hour, and several of those waiting to leave for West Germany were openly derisive of their headline communist country's attempt to win them back.

"They must really be stupid to come here," said a heavy-set East German, who was among the first to set up residence at the Zsigliet camp when it opened in mid August. "But I guess they have no choice, is either victory or Siberia for them."

Several others told a reporter that they were resigned to long stays in Hungary, after Hungarian officials deflated hopes that their departure for freedom was imminent.

"They're going to let us out anyway, there's no reason for desperation," said another of the refugees. "I've waited to leave for the West for seven years at home, another few months won't matter."

With legal travel difficult to the West but relatively easy to Hungary, a liberal Soviet bloc country, East Germans began fleeing from this country to Austria in droves after Hungary removed some border wire barriers and observation posts from its 200-kilometre (120 mile) westernmost border.

Hungary has defied a bilateral agreement with allied East Germany and refused to send back those East Germans who are trying to flee their homeland. West German politicians said last week the Hungarian leadership had also promised to let the would-be emigres go to West Germany, which grants them automatic citizenship and generous social benefits.

Expectations that the mass exodus westward would begin soon were fuelled late last week by statements from West German officials and feverish preparations in Bavaria, where five tent cities were raised to house the East Germans.

# Najib, Nusrat trade charges

Heated debate on Afghanistan

BELGRADE, Sept 6. (Agencies): Afghanistan and Pakistan traded angry charges at the non-aligned summit today, accusing each other of supporting and carrying out attacks across their common border.

Afghan President Najibullah said Pakistan soon would be completely isolated in its alleged support of armed aggression against his country.

"In order to achieve their politico-expansionist objectives, Pakistan, and the United States have escalated the war against the republic of Afghanistan from Pakistani territory through financing, equipping and arming the extremist opposition forces and through recruiting and sending of mercenaries and the direct participation of the Pakistani Army," he said in a speech.

Begum Nusrat Bhutto, mother of Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, said in her address to the 102-nation assembly that "Kabul's allegations are designed to disguise its total rejection by the Afghan people. None of these allegations have been substantiated."

She charged that the Soviet Union was seeking, through military support, to keep "an unacceptable regime" in power in Afghanistan.

"But the Afghan people are united in rejecting a regime that collaborated with a foreign invader," she declared.

"The excesses of the Kabul regime against its own people are of such a magnitude that no responsible segment of the Afghan political spectrum is prepared to enter into political discussions, let alone a coalition with the Afghan regime."

She said the Kabul government "has forfeited its right to be associated with the political future of the country."

Meeting today with reporters covering the summit, Najib reiterated an earlier pledge to sit down with opposition forces to negotiate an end to the decade-old civil war.

He also repeated comments from his speech, saying the negotiations should lead to a nation-wide peace conference. That, in turn, should lead to setting up a leadership council representing "all political forces."

It should also declare a six-month ceasefire "during which a broad-based coalition government will be set up by the leadership council," Najib said in his address.

Under its guidance, a commission should be established to draft a new constitution and election laws for National Assembly balloting, he said.

Following United Nations-supervised "free, direct, equal and general elections based on secret ballots," a new government should be formed "by a political party or a coalition."



Khaddafi gestures during his speech at the summit. (Reuters wirephoto)

## 'Burn the dollar'

Khaddafi tells Nam

BELGRADE, Sept 6. (AP): Libyan leader Muammar Khaddafi today told the non-aligned summit that the US dollar should be destroyed and Jews expelled elsewhere.

The speech embarrassed many delegates to the 102-nation organisation's ninth summit. The movement has been seeking to strengthen its influence and move away from its penchant for flamboyant rhetoric.

Earlier in the afternoon session, Cuban Vice-President Raul Castro launched broadsides against the United States, accusing it of nurturing subversion plans against Cuba.

Khaddafi spoke for 35 minutes, despite a limit of 20 minutes for each leader addressing the assembly.

His address, simultaneously translated on in-house television at the Sava Hall conference centre, was marked by incomplete sentences and repetitive and often confusing statements on a variety of issues.

"The dollar is one of the worst currencies, the devil itself, should be burned, it should not be of any real value at all," Khaddafi said.

He also said that "the Jews" should be expelled "from Palestine" to form a buffer state between France and Germany.

However, later he suggested that "if the United States is sympathetic with the Jewish people, it will help them to return to their homeland."

He also said that "Libya would keep charging interest on money owed by other countries because to change interest is 'against the religion of Islam'."

"His speech is a mockery of the world we live in and of the Non-Aligned Movement," said a Yugoslav delegate.

"There is certainly something wrong about him, but some of his ideas were not so bad," said an Arab delegate.

Castro made attacks on the United States a main theme of his address to the conference.

"The aggression by the US superpower against Panama is 'a crime we cannot tolerate'," he said according to an English version of his speech made available by the Cuban news agency Prensa Latina.

Najib said.

His proposals were rejected outright by the Pakistani delegation leader, who said they were "a desperate attempt to use this (Non-aligned) Movement as a political barricade against the political will of the Afghan people."

In his address, Najib also proposed an international conference "for the settlement of the external aspects of the issue."

The conference should be attended by Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iran, India, China, the United States, the Soviet Union, the chairman of the Non-aligned Movement and "other interested countries."

The way was cleared for a compromise statement on Cambodia after the Association of South East Asian Nations (Asean) set aside differences with Vietnam.

## Soviets show island

### Kunashiri opened to outsiders

KUNASHIRI ISLAND, Soviet Union, Sept 6. (Reuters): Visitors to this bleak eastern Soviet outpost island land on a camouflage-painted corrugated runway, a reminder of the territory's strategic military importance.

A group of Western journalists on a rare visit to Kunashiri, just off the coast of Japan's northernmost main island of Hokkaido, were taken from the airport past birch forests bristling with radar antennas.

They were among the first of a growing number of foreigners ushered onto the island, which only this year was opened to outsiders.

Kunashiri, along with neighbouring Shikotan, Habomai and Etorofu, are at the centre of a territorial dispute which stands in the way of a Soviet peace treaty with Japan formally ending World War Two.

Tokyo says they were illegally seized by the Soviet Union in the closing days of the war after Japan's defeat in 1945 and demands their return in exchange for a treaty.

A Japanese Foreign Ministry official versed in Soviet affairs said that allowing the visit was a message to Tokyo to give up any hope of regaining the islands, known to Japan as the Northern Territories and to the Soviet Union as the Kuriles.

"For them to bring people onto the island and show it off as Soviet territory is a slap in the face," he said.

Kunashiri and Shikotan, the only two islands inhabited by civilians, are home to 14,000



A Soviet soldier clowns as he tries to take a picture of visiting Western journalists in Kunashiri while his comrades look on. (Reuters wirephoto)

Soviet citizens.

Etorofu has a major air base, from which planes scramble to intercept intruders over the area's air space, local officials said.

There are no major offensive bases on Kunashiri, said official Sergei Avramenko. But its strategic importance lies in being only 16 km (10 miles), within sight, of Hokkaido's Shiretoko peninsula.

Because of the harsh climate, residents of Kunashiri, mostly fishermen and cannery workers, get an average monthly wage of 300 roubles (\$780) — more than double the average elsewhere in the Soviet Union.

They also get about 40 days of holiday a year, which many take on the sunny resort shores of the Black Sea or in Vietnam, said a local Communist Party

Secretary Vasily Velkhovetsky. Fogged in and doused with rain, Kunashiri's main town of Yuzhno-Kurilsk doesn't offer much to visitors. Its principal form of architecture is barrack-like dwellings covered with tar paper or peeling, dull-coloured paint.

The sole, 59-bed hotel is a creaking wooden two-storey building with communal toilets and no hot water.

Kunashiri Governor Evgeny Soldajenko said he foresaw the island's potential as a tourist spot with cloud-wreathed Mount Tachira, an active volcano, as a leading attraction.

A 10-year plan to develop Kunashiri was recently signed in Moscow, he said. "We are hoping to get Moscow's permission to start a special economic zone here."

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## Feuding Afghan rebels 'failing'

PESHAWAR, Pakistan, Sept. 6. (AP) — The United States and Pakistan still contend the rebel government-in-exile is the only alternative to communist rule in Afghanistan. But six months after its formation, the rebel cabinet is feuding openly and has yet to move into Afghanistan.

The rebel groups, the most powerful of which are based in the Pakistani frontier city of Peshawar, predicted the Afghan communists wouldn't last more than a few weeks after Soviet combat forces withdrew from the country last Feb. 15.

But the ruling People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan, which continues to receive massive Soviet aid, has held its ground.

The communists so far have succeeded in defending Kabul, the capital, and other key Afghan cities. The insurgents, called mujahedeen, still control much of the countryside.

But to the dismay of their sponsors, the rebel groups have been unable to take any cities and some of them have begun fighting among themselves.

The rebel Afghan interim government was formed last Feb. 24 in Islamabad, the capital of Pakistan, by an alliance of seven mujahedeen groups based in the country, which also has become home for some three million Afghan refugees.

The government — formed on the assumption the communists would be defeated quickly — was meant as a transitional administration to oversee the establishment of an Islamic republic of Afghanistan.

The rebel government pledged to move inside Afghanistan and hold elections for a "shura," or parliament, within six months in "liberated areas" and in refugee camps in Pakistan. The shura was to draft an Islamic constitution and vote on whether to keep or replace the interim government.

None of that has happened. In March, the rebel forces fought to "liberate" the suburbs of Jalalabad, Afghanistan's third-largest city, located 42 miles (70 kilometers) from the Pakistani border. But their offensive stalled under withering artillery and aerial bombardment.

Then in July, the traditional enmity between two of the most powerful rebel groups erupted into a bloody skirmish in northern Afghanistan.

Rebels of the fundamentalist Hezb-i-Islami group allegedly ambushed and killed 32 commanders of the more liberal Jamiat-i-Islami Party. There are unconfirmed reports of hundreds more dead in subsequent clashes between the two groups.

"The recently reported internecine fighting is discouraging, since resistance unity and co-operation is of paramount importance," said Peter Thomson, the US special envoy to the rebel government.

Naim Majrooh, an Afghan intellectual living in Peshawar, said the tension doesn't appear to be based on ideology.

"It's a moral struggle among the ranks, a physical struggle among the parties and an ego struggle among the (mujahedeen) leaders," Majrooh said.

Most observers believe the rival groups within the rebel government are united only in their hatred of the Kabul government of President Najibullah.

Fundamentalist apries want to replace the communists with a strict Islamic republic, modelled after Iran's. Other groups favour a more liberal government.

Some want to fight for a total military victory, while others are prepared to begin peace talks with the government. Several parties are based primarily on personal loyalties.

Another problem facing the rebel government is that it doesn't include an alliance of eight other mujahedeen groups based in Iran and called the Council of Islamic Coalition of Afghanistan.

The Iran-based coalition is made up mostly of Shiite Muslims, while the Pakistan-based rebels are mainly Sunnis. Shiites were estimated to make up about 17 per cent of Afghanistan's pre-war population of 15 million people. The Pakistan-based rebels claim the Shiites have demanded a disproportionately large representation in the interim government.

Fighting between the Hezb and Jamiat parties also has widened the cracks already present in the rebel structure.

Sibghatullah Mojaddidi, the rebel government's moderate president, has publicly called the leader of the Hezb-i-Islami, Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, a "killer" who "is destroying Afghanistan."

# Afghan supply convoy battles rebels on road

ISLAMABAD, Sept. 6. (Reuters) — A big Afghan government supply convoy is battling Western-backed rebels on the road from northern Afghanistan to Kandahar, rebel sources said today.

The first units have reached Marwand, some 50 km (30 miles) short of the southern city. The remainder are strung out between there and Delaram.

200 km (125 miles) to the west, they said.

The sources, in neighbouring Pakistan, originally said the first units had reached Kandahar but then said later reports made clear the convoy was still some distance from the city.

Heavy fighting was continuing. The sources, in neighbouring Pakistan, said the supply train was sent from Torgundi on the Soviet border after mujahedeen rebels tightened their noose around Kandahar airport, making flights more hazardous.

Rebels from several parties ambushed the convoy all the way through Farah and Helmand provinces with rockets and mines. The rebel sources

said about a tenth of the vehicles were destroyed but the rest seemed likely to get through.

There was no independent confirmation of the rebel claims.

The rebels said at least 40 mujahedeen were killed and 65 wounded in the fighting. They put casualties among Soviet-backed President Najibullah's

men higher.

"A lot of troops were killed. It was a very big operation," one source said. Government planes supplied air cover from Shindand airbase in Farah, but were hampered by a big rebel attack on the base last week, the sources said.

A spokesman for the Jamiat-i-Islami Party said earlier that more than 500

rebels took part in the attack, damaging the runway and buildings and inflicting heavy casualties.

Kandahar, like several other government-held cities far from Kabul, has had only tenuous road links with the Afghan capital since the last Soviet troops left Afghanistan in February.

## US backs Mubarak on Palestinian polls

### Israel will try to keep Arafat out of UN

WASHINGTON, Sept. 6. (Agencies) — President George Bush's administration, trying to break a diplomatic impasse in the Middle East, wants to build Arab and Israeli support for a proposal for Egyptian President Mubarak for holding Palestinian elections, US officials say.

Among the 10-point proposal's key elements are provisions for voting by Palestinian residents of Jerusalem and for the temporary withdrawal of Israeli troops from voting areas throughout the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

"This is a start," an official said yesterday. "It's the kind of thing we

need."

But he and other US officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said it was not clear if Mubarak's ideas were acceptable to Israel or to the PLO.

A plan pushed by Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir has the administration's endorsement. The PLO, which has the power to block its implementation, is cool to a key provision: Temporary self-rule but not statehood for the 1.4 million Palestinian Arabs who live on the West Bank and in Gaza.

Israel captured the territories from Jordan and Egypt in the 1967 Middle East war. The PLO wants creation of an independent state — a move opposed by both Israel and the United States.

Shamir's idea is to have elected Palestinians negotiate with Israel a temporary arrangement for self-rule in the territories. That limited self-rule would be followed by talks on an overall Middle East settlement involving also Jordan and Egypt.

Among Mubarak's suggestions, officials said, were the temporary withdrawal of Israeli troops from polling areas and participation in the balloting by Arabs who live in East Jerusalem.

Leaders of the Palestinian revolt in the occupied territories who have been deported also would have a role to play by conveying their negotiating ideas to Palestinian residents.

Israel, which has pledged never to relinquish control of Jerusalem, its capital, is opposed to allowing Arabs living in the city to vote in the elections. It is one of the main sticking points in Shamir's plan to launch negotiations.

Mubarak's idea, the official said, is to have the Palestinians vote outside Jerusalem and then return to their homes.

The PLO has denounced Shamir's election plan as a ploy to ward off establishment of a Palestinian state.

In light of these and other differences, Mubarak's proposal was warmly received by the Bush administration.

"Mubarak's approach is a way of getting the election proposal to take a few steps forward," an official said. "He has offered himself as a mediator, to bridge the gap."

Shamir's office said yesterday that Israel would try to prevent Arafat obtaining a US visa to address the United Nations this month, Israel television reported.

It quoted Shamir aides as saying Israel was opposed to any American "appeasement" of the PLO or its leader.

The parliament has set up a subcommittee to examine the role of the military censor following leaks to the foreign press on sensitive security issues, legislators said today.

The panel, established by the parliament's defence and foreign affairs committee, will examine the relationship between the military censor and both local and foreign journalists, said subcommittee chairman Yossi Sarid.

The United States is turning to Israeli Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin in a bid to end the deadlock on Israel's plan for Palestinian elections in the occupied territories, Western diplomats and Israeli analysts said.

Yitzhak Rabin, leaves for Washington tonight for talks with Secretary of State James Baker and Secretary of Defence Richard Cheney.

Israeli political sources said Rabin has been discussing with the Americans an Egyptian 10-point plan on terms for elections.

Israeli military authorities in the occupied West Bank said today they had expelled 74 Arabs since the start of August for overstaying their visitor permits.



Looking for help

Christian protesters march towards the American embassy in Christian East Beirut Tuesday to force Washington to support Army commander Major

General Michel Aoun. The demonstrators held banners and placards that mocked the American emblems. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Sacked minister gets job

NICOSIA, Cyprus, Sept. 6. (AP) — Mohsen Rafiq-Dost, brother-in-law of Iran's new president, was appointed head of the multimillion-dollar government foundation today, despite corruption charges brought against him last year.

Tehran radio, monitored in Nicosia, said Iran's spiritual leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, appointed Rafiq-Dost as director of the foundations for the dispossessed and disabled, which looks after the poor and maimed victims of the eight-year war with Iraq.

Rafiq-Dost was dismissed by Parliament as minister of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps a year ago following allegations he had mismanaged hundreds of millions of dollars allocated to purchasing weapons and building up an armaments industry to counter an arms embargo.

A former junior artillery officer, Rafiq-Dost and other revolutionary guards officers allegedly diverted funds into their own accounts.

Rafsanjani, who was also acting commander-in-chief of Iran's armed forces, rescued Rafiq-Dost and named him adviser on logistics at the general command headquarters a month later.

Rafsanjani, leader of Tehran's so-called pragmatists, was elected president, succeeding Khamenei, July 28 by a landslide vote.

Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev is due to pay an official visit to Iran. Foreign Ministry official spokesman Vadim Perilyayev confirmed today.

Speaking at a news briefing, Perilyayev said that Gorbachev accepted an official invitation by Iranian President Ali Akbar Rafsanjani to visit Iran extended during his visit here last June.

## PSD legalised

### Algeria allows opposition party

ALGIERS, Sept. 6. (Reuters) — The Social Democratic Party (PSD) has become the first legal opposition party in Algeria for more than two decades, the Algerian news agency APS reported.

It said last night the Interior Ministry had approved an application submitted by the party on July 19 under a new law that ends the monopoly of the ruling National Liberation Front (FLN) on political life.

The PSD favours a reduction of the role of the state in Algeria's socialist economy and more private enterprise to solve the country's economic problems.

## MIDEAST BRIEFS

**Security stepped up:** Cyprus has stepped up security at airports, ports and embassies after being warned of possible terror attacks. Minister of Interior Christodoulos Venizelos said today.

Venizelos told Reuters the information from various sources of planned attacks had not been confirmed, but he added: "Even if we are not sure, we can't risk it."

A number of incidents in recent months led to a high-level meeting chaired by Venizelos yesterday to review security and fill any gaps. (Reuters)

**Preventing rocket attacks:** Lebanese Shiite Muslims allied with Syria said today they were preventing other groups from launching rocket attacks on Israel because of the risk of retaliation.

Rebels preparing a cross-border rocket attack have been arrested and seven Soviet-made Katyusha rockets confiscated, the Amal militia said in a statement published in Beirut newspapers.

Rockets from Lebanon hit northern Israel twice last week. Israel blamed one of the attacks on Hezbollah (the Party of God). Amal's pro-Iranian rival for the leadership of Lebanon's 1.5 million Shiites.

Amal did not identify the rebels it said it had arrested. (Reuters)

**US goodwill gesture expected:** The spiritual leader of Lebanon's Shiite community said in an interview in Washington, yesterday that President Bush would have to make the first gesture of good will toward Iran to win the freedom of American hostages held in Lebanon.

In an interview with the Washington Post, Sheikh Mohammed Hussein Fadlallah asserted that "political pragmatism" will yield "more than one quick solution."

The Shiite leader, who reportedly had just returned from a visit to Tehran, sketched the broad outlines of steps he said the Bush administration could take on the hostage issue. (KUNA)

**Performance ordered cancelled:** A Norwegian theatre company said today it had been ordered to cancel a performance in Egypt apparently after religious groups complained about love scenes in the play.

The National Theatre of Bergen, in Cairo for an international festival of experimental theatre, was due to perform for two nights the play "Hiroshima, Mon Amour" by Marguerite Duras.

But after the first performance, Egypt's Ministry of Culture ordered the play stopped, apparently after complaints from Islamic religious groups, theatre group member Morten Borgensen said. (Reuters)

**Decision withdrawn:** The US Defence Department has withdrawn its former decision on closure of the sixth fleets' offices in the port of Haifa in occupied Palestine, press reports said in Abu Dhabi.

Quoting a senior American source in Washington, Al Itihad newspaper, published here today, said instead of closing the offices the Pentagon decided to provide such offices with highly advanced computers and means of communication to ameliorate contact services with the Washington-based fleet command.

The source said the Pentagon had earlier taken a decision to close the offices due to sharp conflicts with Israel over many issues but withdrew the decision under pressures exerted by Israel and its Zionist lobby in the US. (KUNA)

**Ceasefire not ruled out:** Ethiopian rebels said yesterday they were not ruling out a ceasefire during this week's landmark peace talks here with Ethiopia's Marxist government.

"As far as the ceasefire is concerned it is too premature to say whether or not it will come out of the talks," said Tesfai Ghermazien, spokesman for the rebel Eritrean People's Liberation Front (EPLF).

"Once we successfully finish the procedural matters of the meeting, it could possibly come up for discussions. If it is a genuine ceasefire, it would benefit our people," he told Reuters.

**Peace committee:** The government has formed a 77-man military and civilian committee to prepare for a peace conference with southern rebels, the official Radio Omdurman said today.

The radio said the committee chairman would be Col Mohamed Al Amin Al Khalifa, a member of the 15-man ruling military council. He led the government's delegation last month at the first round of peace talks with the rebels in Ethiopia's capital, Addis Ababa.

## Egypt mediates

### Mubarak in Mauritania

NOUAKCHOTT, Sept. 6.

(Reuters) — Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak called today for a peaceful solution to the border dispute between Mauritania and Senegal and said any armed confrontation would be harmful to both countries.

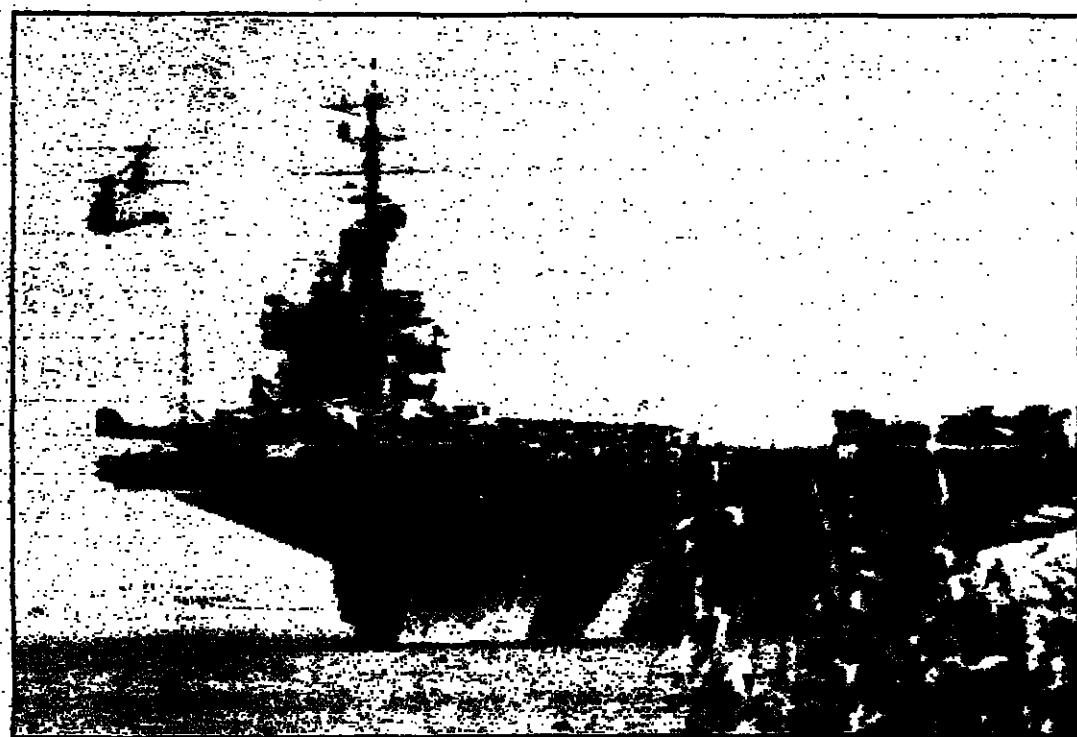
Mubarak, appointed by the Organisation of African Unity as a mediator in the four-month dispute, made the remarks after his arrival in the Mauritanian capital Nouakchott.

He was due to hold talks with President Maouya Ould Sid'Ahmed Taya before flying to Senegal on the final leg of his two-day trip.

During a brief press conference at the airport, Mubarak said Mauritania and Senegal should devote all their resources to the welfare and development of their peoples.

The dispute started on April 9 over a minor clash about grazing rights along the Senegal river which forms the border.

The incident, in which two Senegalese farmers died, sparked ethnic riots which killed hundreds of people and prompted an exodus of thousands of refugees.



Moving on

US aircraft carrier USS America transits the Suez Canal, led by a helicopter, on its way to the Mediterranean Sea Tuesday. The carrier had sailed from Singapore last month when US warships in the Mediterranean and the Indian Ocean were put on alert during the hostage crisis in Lebanon.

The United States has pulled the aircraft carrier and its battle group out of the Arabian Sea near Iran. The battleship was moving through the Suez Canal with

three members of its battle group — a cruiser, a destroyer and a support ship — to relieve the aircraft carrier USS Coral Sea in the eastern Mediterranean Sea.

The remaining three ships in the America's battle group will move through the Suez Canal Wednesday, the Navy said. The Coral Sea is returning to the United States to prepare for decommissioning.

A Navy official said no battle group is replacing the America in the northern Arabian Sea. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Arms may be used in uprising

### 'Israel helps drug barons'

BELGRADE, Sept. 16. (Agencies) — PLO chairman Yasser Arafat today accused Israel of supporting the international narcotics trade by training private armies for Colombian drug barons.

Arafat, attending the non-aligned summit here, warned Third World countries to "keep a careful eye on the role played by Israel" in international drug-smuggling.

Answering reporters' questions about the alleged involvement of Israeli mercenaries in Colombia, he said "their activities unmasked the ugly face of the Israeli government and its secret service, which aids the proliferation of drugs in the world."

He did not provide any evidence or suggest possible motives.

The Palestinian leader, whose self-proclaimed state is recognised as a full-fledged member of the Non-aligned Movement, challenged the US media to "unmask the dirty face of (Israel's intelligence service) Mossad to smuggle drugs to the American nation."

Some Arab newspapers have alleged that several retired Israeli Army officers have trained groups of Colombian irregulars, believed to be on the payroll of the drug cartels, to resist efforts by the South African country's security forces to control the drug trade.

Arafat also warned that Palestinians might resort to the use of arms in their uprising against Israeli rule of the occupied territories.

"Let the Israelis know that we have taken a decision against using weapons, but patience has a limit. Israel's crimes will no doubt in the end be confronted with unforeseen and unlimited reactions," Arafat said.

He said the intifada (uprising) would continue until the Israelis had left the occupied territories.

He said that he would continue his dialogue with Washington but he had not yet applied for an American visa to attend the UN General Assembly in New York later this month.

"This has not been discussed between me and the United States. I have every right to go as President of the state of Palestine to the United

Nations. This is not on my agenda now, but it is under discussion," he said.

Concern is mounting in Israel that Washington, which started a dialogue with Arafat for the first time last December, would give the PLO leader a visa. Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said that he would try to prevent it.

Arafat said the PLO would only accept elections "under the auspices of the United Nations and as part of a comprehensive Middle East settlement and after the withdrawal of Israeli occupation forces."

He added: "We are not asking for the moon, only a human solution. We know the United States gives Israel unlimited support and will not change overnight, but the world is changing," he said.

He said the non-aligned summit had agreed to support the convening of an international peace conference on the Middle East under the auspices of the United Nations.

Israel rejects the idea that the conference should have mandatory powers to impose a regional settlement.

"We have agreed to try at the Security Council to speed up convening the international conference. If this is delayed, then we will resort to other measures through the United Nations," Arafat said.

He said the Israeli government has sent the PLO through Arab mediators "some ideas which we have not had time yet to study thoroughly."

Meanwhile, the PLO in a statement published today condemned the alleged killing of 15 "spies" by a radical Palestinian group.

In the statement, issued in the southern Lebanese port city of Tyre, the PLO attacked the Fatah Revolutionary Council for its reported killings.

The FRC, led by Abu Nidal, said on Monday it had killed 15 "spies (who) worked for Western and Arab intelligence networks."

"We remind those (in the FRC)...that the unified command of the (Palestinian) uprising has decided to stop the liquidation of spies without previous warning and a consensus decision," said the statement.

## Ivan the Terrible asks Israeli court to delay appeal

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Sept. 6. (Reuters) —

The lawyer for convicted Nazi death camp guard John Demjanjuk asked the Israeli high court yesterday to delay hearing his appeal for six months, saying new evidence raised doubts about earlier testimony.

If the request is granted, it will be the third postponement of the appeal since Demjanjuk was sentenced to death on April 25, 1988, for his role in the killing of 850,000 Jews at Treblinka death camp in Nazi-occupied Poland.

Israeli attorney Yoram Sheftel said the US

Justice Department was investigating how documents he said undermined the testimony of two witnesses had been found in refuse. He said the US study would take several months.

Sheftel said the documents appeared to contradict evidence given at Demjanjuk's trial by two of the six Jewish holocaust survivors who identified him as the sadistic prison guard known as "Ivan the Terrible."

In two separate motions, Sheftel asked the court to delay for six months the appeal

hearing set for November 1 and to examine the new evidence.

"As far as the additional evidence, I don't see how the court could reject the motion," Sheftel told Reuters. "As far as the postponement, I just don't know."

The appeal was postponed late last year after Demjanjuk's second Israeli attorney, Dov Eitan, committed suicide. It was further delayed after an elderly Jewish holocaust survivor threw acid at Sheftel during Eitan's funeral.



# Crimes by minors on the increase

## Parents requested to pay attention

MINORS committed 432 crimes and 1,831 misdemeanours during 1988, a release issued by the public relations department in the Ministry of Interior said yesterday. It added that 759 minors were accused of these crimes. These included

368 Kuwaitis and the rest from other nationalities. It said that 2,220 minors were also accused of misdemeanours. These included 1,253 Kuwaitis. The department said that the minors committed many types of crimes and mis-

demeanours which ranged from thefts, dishonesty, destruction of other property, and attacking other persons. The crimes also included traffic, legal and residence violations and infiltration into Kuwait. The crimes also included drugs, liquor,

arms, impersonating securitymen and others. The public relations department appealed to parents to pay greater attention to their children, adding that the negligence in following children resulted in making them a threat against society.

## Municipal personnel follow up decisions

KUWAIT Municipality personnel continue following up and executing decisions taken by the Municipal Affairs Committee on different issues including the allocation of special parking lot for visitors of the Diplomatic Area west of Mishref.

The municipality has meanwhile despatched a copy of the report on its decisions regarding the Fish, Meat and Vegetable Market located in Commercial Area Four in downtown Kuwait to the Department of Government Domains for information and necessary action. It has also despatched to the Public Works Ministry the Ministry of Interior's letter requesting the allocation of two sites as main KPTC bus terminals inside Kuwait City.

### Allocations

In response to a letter by the Public Authority for Agriculture Affairs and Fish Resources regarding support for the poultry-raising sector through the allocation of marketing channels at the Central Vegetables and Retail Markets, the municipality has already allocated 18 stalls at the new retail market in Shuwaikh. These have been allocated to nine local companies who have yet to commence operations.

Meanwhile, relevant municipal authorities are currently considering relocating the site designated for selling eggs inside the central Fruit and Vegetables Market in Shuwaikh opposite Barrack No. 1 at the rear side.

Ports meeting  
RIYADH, Sept 6, (Kuna): The 7th meeting of the Permanent Committee of Ports Authorities Officials in the six-state Gulf Co-Operation Council will start in Riyadh next Monday, the secretary-general of the council reported here yesterday.

During the two-day meeting, the council will discuss the secretary-general's report on the recommendations which were adopted by the 6th meeting of the ports authorities officials.



Ladies together at their private restaurant.

## Exclusively for women

### Coffee, croissant and a good time

A WOMAN'S private restaurant — A dream or reality? Till recently, it remained only a dream which has now been translated into action by the establishment of a restaurant where ladies of society, working women and college and school students congregate to get away from the usual "hum-drum" of life.

According to patrons, the restaurant is a place where they can spend a good time away from the noise, the stares of men, have a small piece of cake or croissant besides a cup of coffee along with friends.

Rolla Al Asali said that she usually goes to the restaurant along with friends to eat her breakfast and exchange small talk regarding work and other topics of interests common to women. Asali praised the idea of this private restaurant exclusively for women and hoped that the concept will spread further like coffee shops presently existing in Kuwait. She said that such restaurants should be expanded to cater to main meals also.

### Opportunity

Ahiam Al Qabandi, one of the women restaurant patrons said that women, like men should also have the opportunity to gather exclusively with their women friends and exchange small talk at such exclusive restaurants. The new restaurant falls within Kuwaiti traditions, she said.

Sahar Abdul Razzaq, a college student said that she welcomes the idea of a private women's res-

taurant because it gives all women more freedom in frankly discussing their problems and spending more leisure time with their friends. She said that the restaurant is still unknown to many women due to its isolated location and wished it were located at a place where more women could meet.

Dini Mandousa from the Philippines, working as a saleswoman said that she comes to the restaurant every morning to meet friends and exchange conversation in an atmosphere which she finds very congenial. She added, however, that prices should be lowered as they are very expensive on a daily basis. This will encourage more women to frequent the restaurant, she said.

### Congenial

Jinki Saloman, one of the women workers at the restaurant said that the restaurant is cleaned in the early hours of the morning to be ready to serve early customers with their requirements of breakfast. The women are sometimes accompanied by their children. On several occasions, she said the restaurant has been honoured to welcome prominent women personalities.

Laura Bilien, another worker said that working at this restaurant is quite a new experience and a rewarding one as it caters exclusively to the female sex. This creates a very friendly and congenial atmosphere among both customers and workers, she added. The restaurant sees a peak of activity during the evening hours, Bilien said.

## State nets KD16.5m in taxes this year

KUWAIT, Sept 6, (Kuna): Director of the taxation department at the Finance Ministry, Khaled Al Subaihi, said today his administration has netted KD16.5 million in tax revenues this year, up from 13.5 million dinars, the previous year.

Subaihi added in an interview with Kuna that the sum exceeded projections of the taxation department by 11 per cent.

The official pointed out that the department had held in fiscal 1988/89 eight rounds of talks to reach agreement on avoiding double taxation with India, Malaysia, Belgium, Finland, China, Canada, Austria and Turkey. He indicated that the department has initiated double taxation agreements with Turkey, Malaysia, Belgium and Finland.

Subaihi pointed out that a double taxation agreement with West Germany has already come into effect and should be of great benefit to government organisations, private companies and individuals.

The official emphasised that his department is ready to give Kuwaiti business organisations and individuals certificates that they qualify for tax exemption under the agreement with Germany.

Meanwhile, Subaihi called on government agencies and individuals who do business with foreign companies to provide the taxation department with information about their business partners.

Under ministry regulations of the year 1985, he said, Kuwaiti business organisations should retain at least five per cent of contract value until the department receives payment of foreign partners.

### Accidents

EIGHT persons including one child were injured in the course of 15 traffic accidents which occurred in Kuwait yesterday, according to the Ministry of Interior.

It added that there were three traffic accidents reported in the Capital, four in Hawalli, four in Ahmadi and four in Jahra.

# Second university by the year 2000: Sabah

## Commerce college developing curriculum

KUWAIT UNIVERSITY Vice-Rector for Social Service and Information Dr Rasha Al Sabah said that the proposed establishment of a private or government university will take place by the year 2000.

She told a local daily that a number of committees would be formed for selecting deans for existing vacancies at certain academic year would start on September 23.

She said that studies were currently in progress to establish another university in Kuwait, which would not take place before the end of this century, as revealed by the Minister of Higher Education, Dr Ali Al Shamlan.

Sabah spoke highly of the level of performance and competence shown by Kuwait professors at the university, who were examples to follow, stressing that the controversial drop in the level of university graduates was a relative matter.

Continuous education  
She added that the Social Service and Continuous Education Centre formed the main channel through which the university extended its services to members of the community and communal establishments, and that true success of the centre's services was measured by the suc-

cess in performing its set objectives.

She added that the centre also offered professional training services to promote the performance level, competence and productivity of workers at private and government institutions, with specific interest in supporting the correlative relation between university studies and actual problems of social and localised nature.

Sabah also said that the centre also offered citizens and residents the chance to be introduced to the distinct Arab societal characteristics and those of the international communities, adding that special programmes were being developed to deepen cultural and educational awareness.

Programmes  
The programmes developed by the centre were based on the needs of the society and various communal establishments, and that field studies would be carried out to establish the feasibility of these programmes through inviting public questionnaires.

She added that the number of participants in the various programmes offered by the centre last year was 5,049, while those who joined the specialist training courses were 776.

Meanwhile, the acting dean at

the College of Commercial Studies Dr Jassem Al Omar has said that current preparations for the start of the first term of studies for the year 89/90 to begin in the final week of this month covers many different educational and training areas.

He told a local daily that the college had always opted for the best teachers whether from within or outside Kuwait, and that the first priority was given to Kuwaiti teachers with MSc or PhD degrees, whereby all requirements were met for different specialisations.

### Activities

Omar said that special enlightening symposia would be held this year for teachers to introduce them to the college code of practice, while the college administration continued to encourage members of the teaching staff to join in the various scientific activities, such as conference, symposia or seminars.

He said that the college was constantly developing its curricular programme, taking in to account the variables at local and international levels whereby to be prepared for all potential changes and requirements.

Omar pointed out that the sites of the colleges were being expanded through the construction of further facilities.

# Kuwait Relief Committee meets

THE Kuwait Joint Relief Committee held its 19th meeting at the conference room of the Islamic International Charity Organisation under the chairmanship of Youssef Al Hajji.

Discussions at the meeting dealt with reports on the work progress in the Sudan, Bangladesh and Yemen, the funds transferred to these countries for relief work progress there, mosques, schools, clinics and other construction projects, as well as the water wells bored.

The discussions also dealt with the difficult situa-

tion of the Lebanese people, resulting from the ongoing civil war and arrangements to provide them with the supply of money and foodstuffs to Muslims in this country.

The meeting also decided to set up a special plan for and relief to the Lebanese people and to open a special bank account with the Kuwait Finance House for donations intended for the Lebanese needy. The meeting also decided to arrange for sufficient informational coverage of this matter to invite further support and donations to the Lebanese Relief and Aid Plan.

## Committee to study stationery requirements

THE Ministry of Education has set up a committee to study pupils' needs of stationery and determine their actual needs so as not to cause undue burden to sponsors of pupils.

The ministry has circulated a list indicating basic requirements of pupils for the scholastic year and has instructed schools to abide by these requirements and not to ask pupils to purchase items not mentioned in the list, Abdul Rahman Al Khudair, the education undersecretary said.

The ministry has indicated the particular uniforms to be purchased by children of kindergartens and primary schools, including various sporting apparel. Khudair said that school uniforms are available at co-operative societies at basic cost, plus a little surcharge to cover costs of overheads. Uniform prices will not be increased as in previous years, he added.

Meanwhile, the assistant undersecretary for administrative and financial affairs at the Ministry of Education Abdul Aziz Al Jarallah has said that 1284 new teachers will join schools of the ministry from the beginning of the new academic year 89/1990. Of these, 590 are Kuwaitis, 255 non-Kuwaitis contracted with the ministry locally, 288 non-Kuwaiti teachers contracted with the ministry in their countries (116 from Jordan, 157 from Egypt and 15 from Tunisia) and 151 teachers delegated by governments of Egypt and Morocco.

The non-Kuwaiti teachers began arriving this week. The teachers will be hosted for one day at the ministry's guest house and on the next day they take up official duties at their respective schools, the official said.

The ministry also announced that it will provide transportation service to Kuwaiti female teachers who teach in schools at remote areas. The ministry has determined seven places to collect these teachers and take them by buses to their schools in the Ahmadi and Jahra areas.

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## Shared accommodation a common phenomenon

THE concept of shared accommodation among the large number of expatriate workers in Bahrain has been in existence since the early days of Bahrain's economic development and modernisation era in the early thirties. In the fifties and sixties in view of the small overseas workforce here shared accommodation was not as common as it is today.

During those decades the cost of living in general was considerably lower than at present and the income of most expatriates was adequate to enable them to afford accommodation with their families without the need to resort to sharing with others. For instance in the early fifties an average expatriate salesman earning about Rs 33 per month (Indian currency was used at that time) paid about Rs 10 to rent a flat on a monthly basis.

### Changes

However things have changed dramatically since these early years as far as accommodation for expatriates is concerned. The rise in general population, including expatriates, escalating cost of living, recession and lower income compared to the boom years of the seventies have made the eighties a struggling period for most expatriates in this country.

In spite of a tremendous boom in the real estate market with the rise in the number of flats, villas and houses all over the island during the last few years, the bulk of the expatriate population live in shared accommodation arrangements. This is true not only among the labourers, who make up the majority of overseas workers, but also for middle-income workers employed in a variety of fields, in some cases even professionals accept this kind of living arrangement.

### Economics

This trend of shared accommodation exists basically because of economic factors. Expatriates by and large are here for one fundamental reason: to earn as much as possible and more importantly to save what they can possible manage.

Labourers and other categories of low income workers live in cheap and old abodes often dilapidated and decades old in sordid neighbourhoods. It is quite common to see about 10 to 15 of this lot squeezed in a flat. On an average four workers occupy one room. The "meat system" operates in this type of accommodation whereby everyone pays about BD8 to 15 a month for lodging and another BD10 per person for food. The average monthly wage of such workers is about BD50-60.

### Incomes

Middle-income workers comprise of usually salesmen, clerks, waiters, cooks, drivers among a host of private sector employees. This group earns between KD80-150 per month and live in two-bedroomed rented flat of BD70m whereby at least 4 people share the accommodation. Usually two persons occupy one room. Each person pays about BD20-25 for lodging in this category.

Nowadays it is becoming increasingly common to see a growing number of professionals sharing accommodation with people of their income bracket and class. Most married professionals share a luxury apartment with another expatriate couple.

Expatriate workers sharing accommodation are single or married. Those who are married may not afford to bring their families to live over here because of costly accommodation. These days few expatriates receive company accommodation; except the highly paid professionals. Employers usually prefer to allocate accommodation allowance to even their senior employees. A single person cannot afford to pay for a flat on his own with this allowance.

It is a common trend today to see accommodation available advertisements in the local press. The concept of shared accommodation among expatriates in Bahrain has become a necessary and acceptable trend in this age of dwindling income and fierce competitive commercial environment even for foreigners.

### Identify cards soon

Bahrain is planning to introduce new look identify cards for all residents next year. The cards will be issued to Bahrainis and expatriates by the Central Population Registration Department of the Central Registration Directorate. According to the head of the Central Statistic Organisation, Sheikh Mohammed Bin Ayyathullah Al Khalifa, the new look cards will contain a photograph of the holder, passport number, details of occupation, employer, nationality and signature.

Initially in the first stage nationals will be issued with the new cards, followed by expatriates. About 1,000 cards are expected to be issued today, said Sheikh Mohammed.

Plans to introduce the CPR cards were approved by the cabinet early this week. Legislation to introduce CPR cards for all residents on the island was made a couple of years ago, whereby it was made mandatory for every resident to possess such a card.

# Amateur science association to encourage youth

By Eld Al Khaldi

THE initiative of the Science Club in establishing the Computer and Electronics Amateur Association is to encourage youth to join these two fields. It is considered one of the most important presented by this

scientific establishment.

The association regularly celebrates the graduation of new batches of members. A graduation certificates distribution ceremony will be held at the association next Monday evening at 7.00 pm.

Al Seyassah interviewed the association director, Engineer Abdul Aziz Al Osami who said that the association was established in 1986 and started its activities in 1987 due to difficulties faced in finding adequate headquarters well provided with

computers and laboratories.

The Science Club established the association when a group of Kuwaiti youth specialised in computers and electronics expressed their need for such a centre. The association is currently supported by the Science Club. However, the increasing number of members and activities require bigger support which the Science Club cannot provide due to the fact that the number of members has increased to nine thousand.

Osami stressed that the association aims at spreading computer and electronics technologies, developing and improving applications, establishing a centre for technical development, and exchanging expertise with other establishments and authorities within and

outside Kuwait.

He pointed out that the Computer and Electronics Amateurs Association organises several special courses in computer and electronics. He indicated that the association is currently preparing for the implementation of the robot project which involves studies with computer and electronics specialists and a special team has been formed for the purpose. He added that the association is now facing some difficulties in implementing the project in relation to mobilising a qualified team.

One of the projects implemented fully by the association is the Clock and Temperature Gauge Project which was implemented fully by a group of Kuwaiti youths.

## ANNOUNCEMENT KUWAIT CHESS FEDERATION

Kuwait Chess Federation would like to announce the opening of the eighth open chess tournament, which will be held on 16.9.1989. Registration for male and female competitors will take place at K.C.F. premises in Jabriya, between 6 pm and 9 pm from 6.9.1989 to 13.9.1989, daily, (each participant should bring one photo). After completion of registration, competitors will be required to attend the pairings meeting on 14.9.1989 at the playing hall. Pairing will commence promptly at 7 pm.

Winners will be awarded prizes. To secure success for tournament, K.C.F. reserves the right of rejecting any applicant without giving any reasons.

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## Union calls for committee on poisoned firemen

### Adequate compensations demand

THE Union of Labourers at the municipality and General Fire Department has stressed that the union publish the issue of the firemen who recovered the body of the boy from the polluted swamp in Sabahiya area in local newspapers after being disappointed with the results of the meeting between union and the director general of General Fire Department (GFD).

The union was commenting on the reply sent by the GFD published in newspapers about the poisoning of some firemen at the swamp in Sabahiya area.

The union said that the reply of the GFD did not carry the name of the title of the official who signed it but carried the stamp of the GFD. This shows that the GFD is not interested or concerned about the well-being of its firemen.

The union added that the anonymous reply claimed that firemen who recovered the body from the swamp are in good health and medical examinations showed that they are free of any harmful poisoning. The union said the reply contradicts the medical reports issued by Mubarak Al Kaber Hospital. The reports showed that the percentage of ammonia in the blood of the firemen who entered into the swamp ranged between 33 and 65 per cent which can cause serious harm to their health in the future, the union said.

The union accused the GFD of not applying safety and security procedures to protect its firemen during duty. The firemen were not provided with safety equipment and it amounts to professional negligence to ask firemen to enter a

poisoned swamp without the necessary safeguards. The union described the reply of GFD as an attempt to acquit senior officials of GFD who were present at the scene of accident and to make junior officers and firemen bear complete responsibility.

#### Procedure

The union refuted the reply which claimed that the signboard showing that the water of the swamp was polluted was unclear due to weather circumstances. The union said that pictures taken of the swamp and the signboard showed that it was very clear. It added that the accident was reported on 18/8/89 while firemen went to hospital the next day. But the GFD has taken its first procedure to transfer

firemen to the professional health department of the Health Ministry five days after the accident.

The results of medical examinations showed that various firemen were poisoned by different percentages. The union said that it will use all means to defend the rights of its members and to prove mistakes of officials who did not take the required action to protect their workers. The union accused the director of GFD as being primarily responsible for this accident. The union called on the minister of state for municipal affairs to set up an urgent committee comprising members of the Ministry of Health to determine facts and follow up the medical examinations of these firemen and to provide adequate compensations.

#### UN panel

## Tougher embargo against apartheid

GENEVA, Sept. 6, (Agencies): Abdelatif Al Hamad, former finance minister of Kuwait and a member of the panel of eminent personalities conducting public hearings on the role of transnational corporations (TNCs) in South Africa and Namibia, today described the hearings as "extremely useful and valuable."

In an interview with Kuna, Hamad said the hearings so far had helped to explain the various points of view and to understand the reality of the situation in South Africa.

"Especially when it comes to apartheid and democracy, and the future of South Africa and its influence in the region as a whole," he pointed out.

The hearings also provided an opportunity to highlight the presentation on arms — the close co-operation and collaboration between South Africa and Israel, he observed. "That is an indication of the attitude of these countries to the majority of people under their control," he added.

Asked about the reference made during today's discussions regarding oil from Opec countries finding their way to South Africa, Hamad said it was clear from the evidence provided that it was not the producers who were responsible.

"The source was Opec. But it was the traders, shippers and the TNCs who were violating the embargo," he pointed out.

"It was recognised that the policy of the oil producers in Opec is absolutely clear. That no trading with South Africa — in whatever form or shape — is the declared policy," he observed.

Hamad stated categorically that "Even if there are any seaports or loopholes, it is not because of the connivance of these governments. On the contrary, it is in spite of their efforts."

It was felt at today's discussions that more should be done to check and monitor the flow of financial and strategic resources such as oil to the South African regime, Hamad contended.

Meanwhile, an expert on the UN panel said that they aim to recommend tougher international economic measures against South Africa.

"I expect this report to be extraordinarily tough," former US Senator Lowell Weicker told a news conference after three days of hearings.

The group, appointed by United Nations Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar, is due to publish its recommendations to the UN General Assembly in a report on Friday.

International and South African businessmen have been among those testifying before the panel in Geneva.

The General Assembly does not have the authority to impose sanctions that must be obeyed by all members. The Security Council does, but Britain and the United States have vetoed sanctions extending beyond a mandatory arms embargo.

"We hope out of these hearings... certain specific actions will be tightened or taken to force the South African government to come to their senses, to come to the negotiating table with the rest of the population there," former Zimbabwean President Canaan Banana, co-chairman of the panel, said.



Asia Olympic Council contract

KUWAIT'S Minister of Social Affairs and Labour Sheikh Nasser Mohammed Al Ahmed Al Jaber has signed a contract for constructing and maintaining of the headquarters, landscaping and fences of the Olympic Council of Asia, a statement issued by the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour reported.

It added that the contract includes the construction of an Olympic Sports Museum which will be the first of its kind in the Third World. The statement said

that establishing of the museum aims at enhancing sporting awareness and preserving heritage.

The signing ceremony was attended by the Chairman of Olympic Council of Asia and the Chairman of the Kuwaiti Olympic Committee Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmed Al Jaber Al Sabah and the Assistant Undersecretary for Financial and Administrative Affairs at the ministry Duali Khalifah Al Malek Al Sabah.

## Constant road work an irritating factor: citizens

### Abnormal phenomenon

PAVING roads and streets is considered one of the most important facilities on which economical progress depends on. Therefore, it is essential to establish a modern transportation network in Kuwait to boost the economy and social life. The country, therefore, started constructing modern asphalt roads in the mid 1940's and developed internal and external road networks to match the growing need of roads and to capacitate the expanding number of cars using these networks.

Despite the civilised look and the necessity to establish a modern roads network, there is another issue represented in the abnormal phenomenon suffered by Kuwait's roads and streets. The issue being discussed here is excavation works which have been developing along the roads for the past thirty years.

Some may think that road works will never end because of these excavation works. This assumption becomes reality when the General Secretary of the Planning Council, Fuad Mulla Hussein recently announced that roads, sewage and all service works will end in the year 2000, meaning that excavations will remain ongoing for another 11 years or more.

Another official stated that the Ministry of Public Works has put the final touches in order to begin the sewage development project included in a 20-year long term plan.

Because road conditions in Kuwait have been suffering from constant excavations compared with other Gulf states which just began developing their roads, people conclude that a large number of contractors are benefiting from this situation which provides them with hundreds of millions through building continuous projects at high costs.

In order to highlight people reactions towards roads excavations in Kuwait, the *Al Amel Magazine* interviewed a number of residents and citizens.

Joma Bo Arki, the owner of a car marketing company located at Khaled Bin Al Waleed Street in Sharq said that most shops there are surrounded with excavations and tools. He indicated that his sales have dropped considerably as a result of excavations. He estimated losses at 70 per cent since excavations started at the street. He pointed out that excavation works at Khaled Bin Al Waleed Street are in progress since one year.

At one time the contractor stopped working for some time and continued work recently after they presented complaints to officials. He believes that the period taken to repair a 500-metre long road is too long compared to excavation works done here.

Excavations have never stopped since the 1960's, he said and added that nobody knows when

the Ministry of Public Works will end roads works. He stressed that Kuwait's capital area undergoes a great deal of excavation work making it difficult for most shoppers to get to or out of the area. He indicated that many merchants were affected by these works and hoped that someday they will end.

Joma believes that contractors are the one to blame for delaying excavation works at roads. He also added that not having enough rules restricting contractors would encourage contractors towards postponing or cheating.

Hamad Al Mtairi, a citizen described the phenomenon as unhealthy and uncivilised. He indicated that he has been noticing excavation works since he was born and believes that they will never stop.

Frankly speaking, Hamad said that he finds it difficult to go to shop in Kuwait City area and would rather shop somewhere else to escape excavations. In addition to that, he indicated that police officers do not show any mercy for cars parked forcibly along streets even for short time. He said that most cars drivers find themselves forced to park at these areas due to excavations.

Hamad suggested that road excavation works should be distributed among the biggest number possible of contractors in order to implement them as fast as possible.

## Kuwait at forefront in re-export of watches

KUWAIT imports over 6 million watches every year, half of them of cheap quality, belonging to unknown trade marks, mostly manufactured in South East Asian countries, a newsletter for jewellers and watches said.

The newsletter said that 3 million watches imported from Switzerland, Japan, France and some other European countries are of high quality and are genuine. It said that Kuwait has become an important regional re-export market for watches of both types. The import of inferior quality watches however dropped sharply in recent years because of the protection measures adopted here.

Kuwait re-exports watches to Iraq, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, Egypt, India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, East Europe and East African countries. Kuwait also enjoys good local experience in this business and the availability of enough finance and trust allows traders to pile large stocks of watches and thus can always be ready for any orders, the newsletter said.

It added that the increase of visitors, businessmen, traders and agents, helped activate the watches trade. Kuwaiti market also has a wide range of all types of watches and thus can meet all demands from outside at any time. As traders in Kuwait are satisfied by a relatively low profit margin, it helps them market their watches in foreign markets, backed in this trend by directly exporting by themselves without the need for middlemen.

The newsletter added that the difference in prices in the Middle East countries and the fact that prices offered by Kuwait are relatively low, helped the Kuwaiti re-export of watches flourish.

There are 50 official agents for the most famous Japanese and Swiss watches in Kuwait. These agents dominate over 70 per cent of the high quality watches market in the country. They provide trust facilities for retail traders inside and outside Kuwait. They also have their own showrooms.

Besides there are 20 main and 30 small export-import offices which are involved in the watches business. These offices are more flexible than the agents because of the low overheads in their offices helped by the fact that their profit margin is still lower than agents.

In addition to these, there are 30 whole sale merchants dealing in watches in Kuwait and they act as middlemen between agents and offices on one hand and retail traders on the other. These merchants are mostly affected by world recession and face difficulties. There are 200 retail watch traders in Kuwait. These people own over 700 showrooms and shops dealing in watches and other gift items and jewels.

## Repeat traffic violators face deportation: Hajji

### Licence validity linked to residence

EXPATRIATES who commit three to four major traffic offences will be deported from Kuwait, Director of the General Traffic Department Brig. Abdul Hameed Al Hajji announced yesterday. The official announced that special amendments in the traffic law aimed at stiffening penalties on traffic violators, have already been submitted to the Council of Ministers, which is expected to approve them shortly.

Hajji said that the interior minister paid special attention to this issue and after several meetings held between the Traffic Department and the Legal Affairs Department of the Interior Ministry, the new amendments were made.

He expected that the new amendments would greatly curb traffic offenders and that traffic violations will be reduced by over 50 per cent. Hajji warned private car owners from carrying passengers for profit adding that stiff penalties will be applied to them. He hinted that securitymen are active to curb this new phenomenon.

#### Meters

Hajji announced that fare meters will be installed on all call taxis in order to solve the problem of asking more than the fixed fares. He added that no decision has been taken concern-

ing other taxis. He said that driving licences for private sector employees are now issued to expire with the expiry of their residence while it is still being issued for 10 years for government employees. He said that the reason for this action, is that private companies and establishments may be closed down any time but this cannot occur to government ministries and departments. He said however that the validity period of the driving licences for all will be further revised when the GCC driving licences will be unified. He said that the traffic department prefers to increase the validity period of driving licences for over 10 years in order not to trouble people.

Hajji admitted that the Traffic Department is facing a shortage in the number of police patrols and personnel. But he added that the Interior Ministry has recently supplied the department with more employees and made financial allocations for new patrols and thus more traffic patrols will be used to control motorways.

He announced that the traffic department is currently studying the feasibility of providing journalists with driving licences in accordance with their Ministry of Information ID without the need for them to obtain letters from the journalists association.

He said that the study will be completed shortly.

Hajji said that the traffic department is also studying the introduction of the "instant fine" on traffic violators. He said that an office has been opened in Fahd Al Salem Street in Kuwait City to receive fines for wheel-locked cars. Drivers can now pay the fines at the office and get their wheel-locks released. He said that the last meeting of the traffic officials of the GCC agreed to unify driving licences in the six member states. The issue of the driving licences will now be computerised in order to prevent forgery. He said that the department has changed most of the traffic lights and attributed its breakdown to several climatic reasons. About the use of cameras to monitor traffic lights violators, Hajji said that no decision has been taken so far. A technical committee is currently studying several offers and will experiment with the various types of cameras in different climatic conditions to see whether they are good for Kuwait's climate. He also said that a fence will be installed in the middle of Fahd Al Salem street in the city and gaps will be left at short intervals for the passage of pedestrians. But he warned that pedestrians who cross the street from other places will be fined.

### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### Premier's audiences

KUWAIT, Sept. 6, (Kuna): HH the Deputy Amir and Crown Prince Sheikh Saad Abdullah Al Salem Al Sabah received at his diwan at Bayan Palace today Justice and Legal Affairs Minister Dhari Al Othman, Awaqaf and Islamic Affairs Minister Khalid Al Jassar, Minister of State for Housing Affairs Nasser Al Roudhan and Minister of State for Municipal Affairs Mohammed Al Sayed Abdel Mohsen Al Rifai.

HH also received the advisor at the office of HH the Amir, Mohammed Suleiman Sayed Ali, President of the Kuwaiti Olympic Committee Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmed Al Jaber, Assistant Defence Undersecretary for Military Installations Sheikh Sabah Nasser Al Saud, Kuwait's Consul to Bombay Faisal Yousef Al Issa and the Director-General of the Zakat House Dr Fuad Abdalla Al Omar.

#### No increase in fees

THE assistant undersecretary of the Ministry of Education for private education Dr Yacoub Al Sharaa has stressed that the ministry has no inten-

tion to increase tuition fees of private schools during this academic year. He added that tuition fees of last year have not been changed or increased. Arabic and foreign private schools abide by regulations and decisions of the Ministry of Education in this respect, he said. Sharaa added that the ministry will investigate and listen to any complaint submitted by sponsors of pupils in these schools about any increase in tuition fees. The ministry takes instant and strict action against any owner of a private school who charges above the stipulated tuition fees, the official said.

#### Science delegation

ABU DHABI, Sept. 6, (Kuna): United Arab Emirates will host during Sept 10-14 student delegations from the science clubs of the Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) states within the framework of educational activities among the six member states.

During the visit, a science exhibition will be held by the participants who will tour several economic and agricultural establishments, historical and touristic places in the country.



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Age limit for all posts — below 35 years (2) Candidates should mention their preference for location, i.e. Safat or Margat — Farasha, or Al-Basra. (3) Application should reach within one week on blank paper with details of qualifications, experience, along with copies of certificate of qualifications, experience, one passport photograph & one passport-size photograph by post — P.O. Box 5801, Safat, 13080, Safat, Kuwait, or in person at Director's office. DIRECTOR

## Far East Trade Lines to further restore rates

In their efforts to continue the process of restoring stability to the trade, shipping lines (namely: K Line, Maersk Line, Mitsui O.S.K. Lines, NLS, NYK, OOCL, P+OCL, UASO and Willine) have recently decided to enhance rates by USD 100 per TEU covering shipments from Far East/South East Asia to Arabian Gulf ports effective from 1st October 1989. It is also reported that other lines such as APL, NSCSA, GMA, Sealand and Uniglow who are also participating in the trade will be implementing a similar rate enhancement from 1st October 1989.

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# ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

THE main difference between men and women is that men are lunatics and women are idiots — Rebecca West, English writer (1892-1983).

## PRESS REVIEW

KUWAITI newspapers yesterday lavished praise on the address delivered by His Highness the Amir of Kuwait Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed Al Sabah on Tuesday at the ninth summit conference of the Non-Aligned Movement in the Yugoslav capital, Belgrade. *Al Watan* daily, in a front-page editorial, said the Amir address transcended traditional speeches through focussing spotlights on the essence of hot international problems from a Third World perspective. His Highness, the daily added, proposed a four-point substantial solution for the debts issue which needs actual follow up on the part of all sides suffering from the debts problem. Those who are burdened with the debts problems, *Al Watan* said, seriously adopt the Amir plan and diligently work to create international circumstances that would halt creditors' tampering with the life and future of poor nations. The paper concluded that the Amir address materialised the will of the non-aligned peoples and was a defence of their right to live peacefully and honourably. (Kuna)

The English-language daily said the Amir address had all necessary elements that contribute to making a good speech for good causes. The Amir, whose main concern was Third World foreign debts, did not forget to remind world nations of their responsibility towards such issues as Palestine, the Iran-Iraq conflict and Afghanistan, said the paper. A leader like the Amir could not be expected to discuss the debt crisis in North and poor South in isolation from conflicts that shake the globe, it went on.

The paper stressed that such an approach is in consistency with the Amir's role as chairman of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation and deputy chairman of Nam. (Kuna)

*Al Qabas* newspaper said Amir speeches are constantly characterised with positive, objective, and prudent tackling of issues facing the Amir address in Belgrade.

His Highness reiterated his proposal on the debts issue, which he considered as the main hindrance to peoples' movement and development. He also called on the big powers responsible for many of the problems suffered by the developing countries.

The Amir was absolutely right when he equalised the emancipation of the world from colonialism, the paper said. (Kuna)

*Al Watan* reviewed the Amir's address to Nam by highlighting the Amir's great concern over poor nations.

The paper said "when history writes the name of the man who liberated the world of poor from neo-colonialism, then it will be Jaber Al Ahmed who deserves the award."

Referring to the Amir's idea of how to relieve poor peoples from the burden of debts, the paper said the world should respect Sheikh Jaber because he calls for dropping debts from poor nations he himself is a leader of a creditor country.

The Kuwaiti daily also referred to the Amir's mentioning in his address of the Palestinian uprising, Lebanon's crisis and good neighbourliness.

The paper concluded by saying that Sheikh Jaber's address in Belgrade "is a charter that tells the world this is Kuwait, and this is its leader who deserves the praise of the world and respect of history." (Kuna)

Meanwhile, *Al Qabas* daily said that "every time we hear the Amir speak at a local, Arab or international forum we feel that Kuwait's heart takes all humanitarian ordeals."

The paper pointed out that if the Non-Aligned Movement followed the path HH the Amir's speech, then their summit would be an epoch-making one.

The daily said that all the world realises that the burden of debts on Third World countries could have destroyed the world economy, but that this problem is not only an economic problem but turned out to be a humanitarian one.

The paper said that if Nam implemented HH the Amir's time to solve the world debts crisis, then it would contribute to a peaceful world.

Newspapers urged the Non-Aligned Movement to adopt a similar stand.

Following on the movement's summit in Belgrade, the Saudi newspaper *Al-Jazira* said "the meeting gains unprecedented importance as it includes with new international developments."

The paper called on member states to adopt a united stand to prove their solidarity and affirm their status as one of the biggest political movements in the world.

Another Saudi paper, *Al-Naba*, said world developments should lead the movement to "adapt itself to the changes, notably the changes in the world which has provided some relaxation of tension."

The paper also said Saudi Arabia, said "there seems to be positive signs which may give the movement a real boost, such as the improvement of relations between the United States and the Soviet Union."

The Arab Emirates newspaper *Al-Bayan* said the summit would attract the attention of the rich countries to the need to stop sending their problems to poor nations.

The paper urged the movement to "seriously and effectively seek ways to solve the differences among member states."

The Egyptian newspaper, *Al-Fajr*, said international developments are of the other affect the future of the movement.

The paper called on the movement's member states and non-aligned peoples to support the movement's efforts to achieve its goals and back it up especially as regards the Palestine problem.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1559 — Britain's Earl of Essex signs truce with Irish rebel Tyrone.
- 1701 — Treaty of the Hague, known as the Grand Alliance, is signed, whereby Britain, Holland and Holy Roman Empire ally against France.
- 1714 — France signs peace of Baden with Holy Roman Empire, whereby France keeps Alsace and Strasbourg.
- 1764 — Stanislaus Poniatowski, protégé of Russia, is elected king of Poland.
- 1812 — Russians begin retreat after defeat by French at Borodino and begin to abandon Moscow.
- 1822 — Brazil proclaims independence from Portugal.
- 1848 — Serfdom is abolished in Austria.
- 1901 — Peace of Peking ends boxer rebellion in China.
- 1931 — Indian leader Mahatma Gandhi attends Second India Roundtable Conference in London which fails to reach agreement on representation of religious minorities.
- 1939 — German Army overruns Pomerania and Silesia in Poland.
- 1945 — US President Harry Truman, at end of World War II, receives surrender paper signed by Japanese aboard US battleship Missouri.
- 1949 — Laos establishes diplomatic relations with China and North Vietnam; French President Charles de Gaulle arrives in Hamburg and proposes closer ties between French and German armed forces.
- 1950 — US reporter Nicholas Daniloff is charged with espionage in legal proceeding at Moscow prison.
- 1967 — West German engineer Alfred Schmidt is released by Shiite Muslim kidnappers in Beirut, Lebanon, after seven months as captive.
- 1988 — Growing unrest prompts several foreign countries to order families of diplomats evacuated from Burma.



East Germans shout, 'We want to get out', during a demonstration on Sept 4 in which hundreds of citizens seeking emigration participated. (Reuters wirephoto)

# A million seek freedom

Biggest mass migration from East Europe

MORE than three-quarters of a million people are expected to leave the communist controlled countries of Europe this year in the biggest mass migrations from the eastern half of the continent since World War Two.

Abandoning their homes for new lives in the West, many have been able to move legally by plane, bus or car as a result of liberalised travel policies in the Soviet Union and Poland.

But East Germans have had to resort to other means to get around the Berlin Wall and other border fortifications designed to prevent them from leaving their country. One young East German swam 19 hours in the Baltic to reach West Germany at the weekend. Some 6,000 of his countrymen had already fled while visiting Hungary, some crawling across the Austro-Hungarian border under cover of night.

Another 5,000 East Germans are in refugee camps in Hungary, awaiting an organised transfer to the West by train across the frontier where barbed wire and alarm systems formed part of the "Iron Curtain" until Budapest began dismantling it in May.

Disgruntled about what they see as narrowing opportunity and the lack of political change in their country, hundreds of East Germans have tried to escape via West Germany's diplomatic missions in East Berlin, Budapest, Prague and Warsaw.

A total of 90,000 East Germans are expected to turn up legally or illegally in West Germany this

year, compared with 39,000 last year.

Even more ethnic Germans are leaving the Soviet Union, Poland and Romania.

About 300,000 of these ethnic Germans are likely to arrive in the West this year, as compared with 202,673 in 1988 and 97,508 in 1977, according to the West German Interior Ministry.

Bonn grants citizenship to all who can prove they are of German descent. Those who had lived in the Soviet Union and Poland have benefited from relaxed emigration policies. In Romania, Bonn has been reported in the West German press as having made payments to the government to obtain exit permits for ethnic Germans.

As many as 20,000 more Romanians have escaped to Hungary and Yugoslavia, leaving behind a life of poverty and what the United States and its Western allies have called the worst human rights situation in Europe.

In an apparent effort to stem the flow of escapes, Romanian President Nicolae Ceausescu started to build a barbed wire fence along the border with Hungary last spring but later tore it down after its existence became known in the West.

The largest exodus has been that of ethnic Turks from Bulgaria.

More than 310,000 ethnic Turks have left for neighbouring Turkey since June when Ankara waived visa requirements for ethnic refugees fleeing what they consider forced cultural assimilation. Sofia says they are not Turks, but ethnic Bulgarian

Muslims travelling as tourists.

Another 600,000 are still in Bulgaria.

The number of Jews leaving the Soviet Union appears likely to reach 50,000 this year, as compared with fewer than 20,000 in 1988. Over 6,000 left in August, the highest monthly figure in over a decade.

Although their exit visas say they will go to Israel, only a small minority chooses to do so. Most end up spending weeks in Rome waiting to leave for other Western countries, mainly the United States, Canada and Australia.

But while Washington once welcomed the Soviet Jews as refugees from religious and political persecution, the Bush administration has begun efforts to limit their emigration to the United States. It would prefer them to go to Israel instead.

The overall number of people leaving the seven Warsaw Pact countries will near one million in 1989, according to a spokesman for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, who called it the biggest mass exodus since World War II.

Some 170,000 Hungarians fled their country after the suppression of the 1956 Hungarian uprising by Soviet troops and nearly 400,000 Czechoslovaks left after the 1968 Soviet-led invasion crushed the "Prague Spring" reform drive.

The latest flood of emigrants follows years of prodding by Western governments for East bloc governments to grant their citizens the right of free travel. (Vienna — Reuters).

# Money does not match rhetoric

PRESIDENT George Bush has unveiled a \$7.8 billion anti-drug plan but Democratic critics charge the money does not match the rhetoric for a crisis tearing at the fabric of US society.

The long-awaited offensive, announced by the President on Tuesday night, marked a distinct shift in focus from foreign sources of drugs to Americans whose drug use and dealing were turning US cities into battle zones.

"Drugs are sapping our strength as a nation. Who is responsible? Let me tell you straight out: everyone who uses drugs, everyone who sells drugs, and everyone who looks the other way," Bush said in his first televised address as President.

The new plan provides for simultaneous efforts to punish US users, crack down harder on sellers, throttle smuggling routes into the United States, improve anti-drug education and help South American countries fight criminal empires that produce most of the world's cocaine.

The Democratic majority in the US Congress instantly labelled the latest plan as "not tough

enough, bold enough or imaginative enough."

In a broadcast response to Bush's speech, Senator Joseph Biden, Judiciary Committee chairman, said: "His rhetoric isn't matched by the resources we need to get the job done."

The President says he wants to wage a war on drugs, but if that's true, what we need is another D-Day, not another Vietnam — not a limited war, fought on the cheap, and destined for stalemate and human tragedy," Biden added.

From the 1960s on, successive US administrations have all declared war on drugs and failed to win. But some experts said Bush's strategy, worked out by his drug policy chief, William Bennett, was a step in the right direction and marked an overdue change in emphasis.

"This gets away from the notion that drug interdiction can solve the problem," said Mark Kleiman, a drug policy expert at Harvard University. "It recognises that as long as the demand is there and the domestic distribution network exists, someone will

find the supply."

Most of the \$7.8 billion is earmarked for a tougher approach to drug use in the United States, which Bush said was "the gravest domestic threat facing our nation today."

Bush also said he would allocate more than \$250 million for next year in military and law enforcement assistance for Colombia, Bolivia and Peru.

This was the first instalment of a five-year, \$2 billion programme "to counter the producers, the traffickers and the smugglers," the President said.

The money for the Andean countries, the source of almost all of the cocaine available on US streets, is in addition to the \$65 million in emergency aid Bush previously pledged to help Colombian President Virgilio Barco fight the drug lords.

For years, US policymakers placed most of the blame for a fast-spreading cocaine epidemic on the South American countries that grow coca leaf, the raw material for cocaine. Latinos, in turn, complained they tended to do the dying in the drug war while the United States did the criticising.

## Letters to the editor

### Maharaja flight

SIR: I am writing this to bring to the notice of the readers the plight of some passengers including me and my family who travelled by Air India flight No. AI 855 on 23rd August 1989.

I had reconfirmed tickets for my self and my family (total 5 members) on flight No. AI 855 from Bombay to Kuwait on August 23 1989 at 8 pm. However when I reached the counter they refused to give seats. They told me that the flight is full and no more seats are available in the flight.

After a long talk with the duty officer I had to get back to the hotel. We were asked to report for the next day's flight i.e. on August 24, at 4pm. My wife children and I had to undergo lot of inconvenience, agony and tension for no fault of us. If people with reconfirmed tickets are refused seats and asked to undergo such plight I have no other course than taking up the matter with the higher authorities and give wide publicity to the inefficiency and working of this so called prestigious and comfortable national airways.

Troubles unfortunately did not end here. This flight never took off. Two hours after the boarding they announced technical fault and all the passengers were unloaded back to the lounge. The passengers were made to wait in the lounge till next day morning i.e. 4 am, without providing enough seats for the passengers to sit.

During this period nobody attended to the needs of the passengers and no arrangements were made either for food or drinks. So we were asked to board on another flight around 4.30 am. But after a wait for 2 hours they announced that there is again technical fault in the A/C system so we were again unloaded back to the lounge.

Finally on August 25, at 10 am we were asked to board another flight which took off at 11 am (Indian time) and we reached our destination i.e. Kuwait

around 12 pm. (local time). In this final flight we were told that the crew had no time to load food for passengers and no food and drinks were served including water.

This ended the historic journey in 'Maharaja' from Bombay to Kuwait taking almost 36 hours of waiting, grumbling and uncertainty. Above all I wish to bring to the notice of authorities the extreme callousness with which the passengers were treated. If the state of affairs continue without redressal I can only pity the extent to which the standard of this airline has fallen.

Varghese Jacob, Safat.

### A fairy-tale journey

SIR: With the present ad-campaign of Air-India any passenger who decided to fly the "Palace in the sky" is assured of a fairy-tale journey. But little is known of the torture chambers and dungeons this journey may hold!

AI 857 scheduled to take off from Bombay on the August 24, 1989 at 2000 arrived in Kuwait on 25th at 1130 local time. This delay of about 14 hours can be logged down as follows: few minutes delay from the scheduled time due to change of commander (!) followed by technical problem which resulted in making the passengers sweat it out in the aircraft for three hours with the dinner served on ground and the "non-stop inflight theatre" singing "Don't worry, be happy."

When it was known that the aircraft had to go to the hangar for repairs passengers were transferred to the transit lounge and totally forgotten for the next 6 hours except at 3.15 in the morning came the call to have refreshments and snacks. Ah! we were still in their minds!

We boarded the second aircraft early hours of the 25th and no sooner than it was ready to take-off everything came to a stand-still. Technical problem

again! Another few minutes in the aircraft, while the engineers "put their heads together to rectify the snags." Inside the aircraft the heat and humidity were intense, fresh air, scarce. Children threw-up, felt dizzy and the infants had no strength even to whimper. In between, breakfast was served on ground. It was three hours later that the engineers put the tools down and we were told to "rush" to the third aircraft. And yes, finally the "palace" took off and during the 3 hours 20 minutes flight there was no cabin service at all. Unless asked for, not even a glass of water was served.

Machines are man-made and technical problems can and will crop up even in the best (?) maintained aircrafts. But two aircrafts in a row? When machines fail should all the human elements of Air-India fail along with them? Three hours of grilling on the ground in each aircraft and six hours of stranding in the transit lounge? Come on Maharaja! Give us some answers!

No more Air-Indian. Name and address supplied.

### Bravo Arab Times

SIR: I congratulate Arab Times for its story "Singh soiled" which cracked down the Express Towers and the rank and file began to cry wolf at the Nariman Point to save V.P. Singh, the so-called champion of the political ethics in India from drowning himself into the Arabian Sea.

The assertion that the paper had published the fact — Express News Service 23-8-89, and staffer Jadranka Porter was not the particular person who filed the story and that it was the result of a team work speaks volumes of the standard of a newspaper from the Gulf which seems to be as sensitive and honest as the British media and the British Broadcasting Corporation.

M.M. Khwaja, Vijayawada, India.

## Racial dispute

# Threat to peace

A BITTER ethnic and racial dispute between Mauritania and Senegal, which left hundreds dead in the two countries last spring, has worsened again and even threatens open warfare.

Officials in both West African capitals have invited Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak, current president of the Organisation of African Unity, to try to mediate in a visit to both countries beginning Wednesday with a stop in Nouakchott.

But Mubarak may have his hands full. When the two countries broke diplomatic relations on Aug 22, Senegalese Foreign Minister Ibrahim Fall said the situation "constitutes a threat to peace in the entire region."

Fall said Senegal was ready "to use all means to defend its territorial integrity, its sovereignty and its independence." But Senegal has denied Mauritanian charges that it was massing troops at the border for a military offensive.

The trouble began last April when a herd of goats strayed across the ill-defined border, where sedentary farmers from Senegal and nomadic herders from Mauritania have been in often violent conflict for centuries. Farmers and herders fought over the goats and two Senegalese were killed.

Tempers flared in both countries. In the snowballing conflict hundreds of people were slain in Nouakchott, Dakar and other cities, and thousands of Mauritanian and Senegalese expatriates deprived of their homes and livelihood.

On one level, the conflict has pitted mainly Arabic-speaking Mauritanian Moors against largely French-speaking Senegalese blacks, but the situation is much more complex than that.

About a third of Mauritania's estimated 1.7 million people are black, many of whom live in southern Mauritania, along its border with Senegal. Most are farmers and herders of the Toucouleur and Soninke tribes. But Mauritania also has some 100,000 black "Harratin," who are former slaves of the Arab majority and speak mainly Arabic.

The Harratin, trying to prove themselves more Arab than their former masters, have been in the forefront of the manhunt for the Toucouleur and Soninke minorities, witnesses reported.

Some 200,000 refugees from both countries have been living in camps on both sides of the Senegal River, deprived of their possessions, their money and their herds of camels and goats.

Blaise Cherif, of the office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, said it was the first time his office has had to cope with such a massive influx of refugees anywhere in West Africa.

Newspapers and radio stations on both sides carry daily accounts of the horrors to which the refugees were subjected to in reading safety.

Women were forced to swallow the flesh of their own offspring. Baba Ould Khilil told the officials Mauritania daily Chaab (The People). "In Dakar, sellers of mechoui (a local dish of road lamb) were roasted on their own fires."

A camp in Thiess, 50 miles (80 kms) east of Dakar, contained 2,000 black refugees from Mauritania, including soldiers, policemen, government officials and officers in Mauritania's merchant marine.

"My company was run by Arabs," said one of the officers, Diouf Djibril. "They informed the police that I was black, and I was expelled without warning when my ship returned to port. They took all my money and other possessions from me. And yet my family has been Mauritanian for generations."

Mauritanian shopkeepers, expelled from Senegal in a two-way airlift, told a similar tale. Blacks on both sides of the border reported being challenged to produce identity documents by policemen of either country, who promptly tore up the papers, declaring them invalid.

Senegal's ambassador in Mauritania, Ousman Camara, wrote to the Foreign Ministry to protest against what he called "fraudulent manoeuvres" and was immediately expelled.

The Senegalese government then broke diplomatic relations with Mauritania, and Senegal's President Abdou Diouf said in a nationwide television speech: "We will not tolerate our dignity being trodden on."

Diouf said the cause of the trouble was the determination of Mauritania's Moorish majority to "Arabize" the country. Most blacks do not speak Arabic and many refuse to learn it. Many blacks accuse the Mauritanian government of racism.

Mauritania's Information Minister, Mohamed Lemine Ould Ahmed, a Harratin, said in an interview that the dispute stemmed from "a Senegalese plot to dominate Mauritania."

## Quote me

"I'm not disappointed that this was my last match at the US Open, but in isolating the match I'm disappointed in how I played it. I played a great match two days ago and today I was flat. That's the way it's been all year. That's why it's time to say goodbye." — Chris Evert after completing her championship career by losing to Zina Garrison.

"It was good for me, but not a good moment for me. That was probably the hardest match of my life because I was such an emotional one." — Zina Garrison after overcoming Christ Evert.

"The National Party is not prepared to exchange white domination for another form of domination... or for our becoming the dominated people in South Africa." — De Klerk on white discrimination in South Africa.

"They called and said they wanted to give her back. They said they were sorry for stealing her, and they took good care of her." — on Spike (pet iguana) being snatched by burglars from Smith Hall classroom cage.

"I felt like a villain taking her out... but at least I'll be remembered." — Zina Garrison commenting on her victory over Chris Evert at the US Open.

"Turkey always said that they don't want to see Cyprus as part of a military circle around them, but by keeping their Army there, they are obliging us to co-operate with Greece, militarily as well." — Cypriot President George Vassiliou on Turkish relationship with Cyprus.



# 'Momentary Lapse of Reason', Pink Floyd's comeback



R. Waters of Pink Floyd

PINK FLOYD, the legendary British rock group, made their comeback with the release of their 'Momentary Lapse of Reason' album in 1987 and after constant touring in America and Europe, seen by millions of people, they finally release, on video, their first live concert in front of an audience.

Pink Floyd are a class of their own. Though all or most of the Pink Floyd albums are conceptual and semi-abstract, there is a strong challenging satirical lyrics and the bitter doom depression feel of their music set them apart from all other contemporary pop-rock groups. Their music is ahead

of their time. It defies classification, is never predictable and avoids the usual clichés that are prevalent in other pop-rock bands. For example, while other rock groups tend to bring a song to an ear shattering climax with crashing drums and guitar theatrics, Pink Floyd could end (or begin) one of their songs with the unusual sounds of a baby crying, a ticking clock or a dog barking in the background.

Pink Floyd, formed in the mid-sixties have released over the years, a succession of highly-rated, epic albums that continue to sell strongly to this day. In fact, their early-seventies release 'Dark

Side of The Moon' has the distinction of staying in the American Billboard Top 200 Pop Charts for the longest consecutive weeks running.

And now, after two decades, a video of Pink Floyd live in concert in front of a live audience has been released. Their previous 'Live in Pompeii' video was filmed while they played live in the ruins of a deserted stadium with no audience. (Pink Floyd Live in Pompeii is also available at the Video Club).

With the departure of Roger Waters -- the group's mastermind a few years back, David Gilmour has taken over the leadership of the band and together

with the other original members, Nick Mason and Richard Wright, and an array of young and talented backing musicians, Pink Floyd puts on a concert extravaganza that is truly a feast for the ears and the eyes.

The video concert opens with the eerie, atmospheric music of 'Shine On You Crazy Diamond'. An overhead giant, circular laser-screen projects conceptual images and there is enough flashing laser beams and colourarray lights to make Broadway look pale in comparison.

At the best Pink Floyd songs are included in this 95 minutes set. High-

lights of the concert include the high-pitched wails of the three backing vocalists on 'A Great Gig in the Sky', the innovative use of fluorescent drumsticks as the lights are dimmed by Nick Mason on 'Time' and the brilliant saxophone solos of the diminutive showman -- Scott Page -- on 'The Dogs of War' and 'us and them'.

But what makes this video perhaps the best concert music video ever filmed are the pyro-technics, lasers, colourarray lights, fireworks, and other unique special effects that can be seen only on a Pink Floyd concert. There is a giant balloon in the shape of a pig with lumin-

ous eyes that hover over the crowd, and a breath-taking moment when an image of a hospital bed seems to fly from one end of the stadium to hit the screen with an explosion of colours and lights.

Pink Floyd's 'Delicate Sound of Thunder' video has topped the American and British Music Video Charts since its release. This is one that should not be missed.

Running time 95 mts. (approx).

By Johnson Gilbert,  
Music videos available at  
the Video Club, Sahmilya  
Tel: 574372

## Indian film round-up

# Amitabh: an attempt to clean the mess

THE film stars of Bombay were ruling the roost and keeping everyone under their thumbs, when collective action took them by surprise and created a furor in filmland. Harried producers, held to ransom, by their own contractual employees decided to unite and all came under a common forum "Film Producers' Combine" to clean up the mess or at least to make an effort.

This time the producers have really united and started taking strong steps, to cut down the chaos created by over-busy stars, accepting any number of roles just for the money. Their first step was to put a virtual ban on forty-fifty stars, gobbling the industry, led by stars like Amitabh Bachchan, Anil Kapoor, and Anupam Kher. It was realised that no producer could take a new film with any of these over-committed stars if they are given a chase and stoppage of work are also threatened for anybody daring to violate this resolve.

The forty wrongers, in order of appearance are: Aamir, Aadiya, Amitabh, Anish Puri, Anil Kapoor, Anupam Kher, Anita Raj, Chunky, Dharmendra, Dimple, Farha, Govinda, Gulshan Grover, Hemant Birje, Jackie, Jaya Prada, Jostendra, Jui, Chawla, Kader, Khasu, Kimi, Kiran Kumar, Madhu, Madhu, Datta, Madhura, Meenakshi, Mithun, Nandini, Prem Chopra, Raza Murad, Raj Babbar, Rishi, Sadashiv Amrapurkar, Sanjay Dutt, Shakti Kapoor, Shatrughan Sinha, Sunny, Summet Saigal, Sonam, Sri Devi, and Vinod Khanna.

One or two more names were added later. The legal side was taken care of, by declaring that the 'Combine' of all associations was not preventing any star from working.... it was only asking its own members not to book them for a time, till they are of at least twelve films. If anybody proves that he/she was not over-busy, their producers could get a written permission to shoot. Others could put themselves on the waiting list to get the stars, whenever the situation eases. In the order of priority kept on record. This would encourage film makers to introduce new talents, also.

The 'Combine' has also enforced another self-regulation. Now, all stars can shoot only in a single continuous shift of nine hours. So the Govindas and Aadiyas fitting from one set to another, giving one or two hours to each, will have to stop. Payments to hair-stylists, make-up men, drivers and "chamcha" boys have also been regularised. The last film to start just before the ban was Chandra Barot's "Time" with Chunky, Neelam and Kiran Kumar.

Indian Motion Picture Producers Association (IMPPA) president Ramraj Naitia has justified the action saying that it prevented producers from committing self-immolation. "They were starting films left, right and centre, knowing the pot-holes ahead, now they are happy that a check has come," he says, though the argument seems self-defeating.

Manmohan Desai has predicted that cracks may develop, unity may break and the industry will be a laughing stock in the hands of the same stars whom it wants to regulate.

F.C. Mehra has gone to the extent of saying that if the producers flout their own decisions, then the government should step in to introduce licensing of producers, so that the wrong people do not enter the field.

Some producers were immediately affected by the ban, like Gulshan Kumar, Vimal Kumar, Smit Kumar and D.K. Chawla, as they were about to start films with big stars but will have to wait. Some chinks in the industry, led by stars like Amitabh Bachchan, Anil Kapoor, and Anupam Kher, who thinks he has another big hit in the new release "Elaan-e-Jung" with Dharmendra, nearly started "Tabela" with the same star by doing a "muhurat". Then he quickly declared that he will shoot only after December.

The south's big gun K.C. Bokadia launched a film with Mithun thinking that the ban did not apply to Madras. He was soon told that he can't shoot with Bombay's stars. Applications of producers have started piling up at the 'Combine's' office. Each is pleading that his stars are not over-committed, and he may be allowed to shoot. Dharmendra's brother, Anil, Debi Boddhi, who is currently holding three days' work on a film with Sunny and Meenakshi. The 'Combine' has warned that action may be taken, if he goes further. Prakash Mehra on the other hand calls the ban the joke of the year.

As for the stars, they first took it as a joke. When the "muhurats" (and signing amounts) stopped, they began to worry. Some quickly gave dates to those films which are nearing completion, so that they could go below the ceiling of 12 films and take up new ones. Otherwise they would have delayed these films as per their whims. They are themselves so disunited that an association of their secretaries was quickly formed and it is still negotiating terms. They have asked for one-shift-per-day rule to be postponed to 1st January, 1990. They also want the ceiling to be 15 films for heroes, 20 for heroines and 30 for character artists. The stars' first attack was not to attend the rally to collect funds for flood hit people, organised by the producers.

Anyway, the stars themselves had many interesting things to say on the whole matter and so here we go:

### Quotes

Mithun: "I think it's a good move. I really hope it does work. But how many producers would be willing to spend a crore to start a film with a new comer? Are there any distributors to buy such a film? It is the stars who attract crowds."

Dharmendra: "A good decision. But it has to function effectively. In the 70s when producers had imposed such a ban it had flopped. So we can only sit and wait



Aamir Khan and Juhi Chawla commenting on the star ceiling on both.



Sonu and Subhash... a heart to heart talk

for the result."

Shatrughan Sinha: "The intention is good but the stars should have been consulted, as we are very much a part of the industry. Can producers blame stars for signing more films? Is it the star who goes to the producer's house and forces to get signed? Or is it the producer who runs after the star? If there is a film maker with a good subject and wants to make it with me, then I will definitely accept, ban or no ban."

Sri Dev: "I don't want to sign any more new films right now. So my going against the guidelines of the 'Combine' is out of the question."

Madhu: "The move is good and bad in many ways. We only wish it succeeds, though I am doubtful about the success of the ban."

Rishi Kapoor: "It is a good step to ease the industry out of the

current crisis. But I fail to see how long the ban will last or how good it will prove in solving the problem. They must consider only 12 'active' films, not all."

Sonam: "Whatever the 'Combine' does is for the industry's benefit. But I think this move by itself won't work out. They should do as in the south. If a producer decides not to take a star, he does not sign him or her. Anyway as a newcomer, I don't have any right to talk against anyone."

Raj Babbar: "I disagree. Stars are not a commodity. Such a ban should be laid on producers, as they rush to a star's house to sign him. They should sit and think of some other ways."

Kimi: "There is a need for some system in the industry. I will go by the rules. Even if a good offer

is my 16th film, I will wait till I complete one film and the number comes down to 14."

(P.S. Kimi's memory and counting are both weak)

Govinda: "Once, Mumtaz was banned but Dev Anand violated it and started shooting. This ban also is bound to be violated by someone or the other. You can't stop them. Myself and Mithunda give 20 releases every year. They should allow stars to sign on the basis of their releases only."

Sunny: "It is too early to comment on the topic. Why waste time talking? Rules only create a fear for a while."

Chunky: "I wish producers the best of luck. But it's not fair to keep us on 12 films at our present fee. How would I run my kitchen?"

Aamir Khan: "It's good but it should have been more clearly worded. Why is my name included? It is perhaps only to warn producers who want to sign me in future. I have always laid my own ban on myself.... just a few films at a time. After seeing my filled up form, they will see my total and omit my name."

Juhi Chawla: (Laughing) "It's premature to comment now. Let's wait and see."

Gulshan Grover: "Producers must survive. But now they must decide about films which are signed but not progressing. Otherwise we character actors will be jobless, for weeks."

Prem Chopra: "I only shoot for ten days in a month. No double shifts too. Why me? It's a crazy idea and it will die a natural death."

### Scenes

REKHA is becoming too big a show -- off, even for her fans to tolerate. After the false scare about a plot to kidnap her, which only brought nasty letters-to-editors in film papers, she is still not lying low.

ANIL's younger brother Sanjay Kapoor and upcoming starlet Ekta are developing good timing, as both wanted roles. But she lost one film with him. To save face, she says: "He wants to date me regularly". Perhaps, grapes are only half sour for her.

F.C. MEHRA producer-cum-exhibitor, owner of theatres in Bombay and Delhi was bold enough to declare: "All cinemas in Bombay are ready to close down, as they are no more profitable. I am also ready to demolish Minerva cinema in Bombay, if the government permits." This is real courage, when other owners are trying devious ways to keep cinemas closed.

SALMA AGHA is pushing her Bombay career by hitching her wagon to a producer. She influenced the multi-star man Raj Kumar Kohli and made him start a re-make of the Pakistani "Bazaar-e-Husn" with herself, Mithun and Farha. Then, she also "sold" the same idea to J.K. Bihari to start another version of the film. Salma is also seen at parties with Kohli or Bihari, doing mutual introductions.

SONU WALIA is another who keeps herself in the news, with petty quarrels with other actresses like Juhi or Kimi and good friendships with producers -- directors. After Raj Sippy (who changed her role in "Mahadev" and offended her), it is Subhash Ghai she is swearing by. And Ghai also keeps assuring her with hand on heart. Is another Sonia Gill in the making?

SINCE Aadiya has come back to his wife Zarina, she proudly claims that she had accepted the actor when he was a nobody. She was the first film celebrity he had met. And she alone had made his career. This should be enough warning to Pooja Bedi, to keep off forever.



The Wizard of Loneliness

### Video corner

# Sit back and relax

By Sharm Seekins

WINTER PEOPLE is a difficult film to characterise, being part emotional drama, part period piece and part social commentary. The plot of the film is difficult to follow at first as the characters seem out of place in their surroundings.

Wayland Jackson (Kurt Russell) is a mild-mannered widower who takes shelter in an isolated cabin in the Tennessee mountains when his truck breaks down. Kelly McGillis plays the cabin's owner, Collie Wright who doesn't get on with her family because she has had a baby and refuses to tell the identity of the father.

Collie feels sorry for Jackson and asks her father to help him find work when his truck is looted and wrecked by the Campbell's a clan of hillbillies who have an old rivalry with the Wrights. After some persuasion he realises that the one thing the small town is lacking is a clock tower and as Jackson is by profession a clock-maker he hires him to build one.

Jackson and Collie begin to fall in love, but it turns out that Cole Campbell (very effectively played by Jeffrey Meek) is the father of Collie's baby. When Cole makes one of his rare visits to Collie's cabin, he becomes crazy when he realises that the soft-spoken Jackson intends to marry her. A violent fight ensues and, remarkably enough Cole is the loser although it is uncertain whether it was Jackson or the alcohol which defeated him.

Winter People is a very simple film, with good overcome bad and will the victors live happily ever after, of course it does and they will. The photography of Francois Protat helps the film, illustrating the beauty of the autumn and winter scenery shot in the rugged Appalachian Mountains.

Brenda Starr is a comic-strip character who comes to life. As the artist is drawing the latest adventure in the life of ace reporter Brenda Starr, she suddenly turns into Brooke Shields before her eyes, what a lucky guy!! So the real life Brenda sets about getting a scoop by going off on a voyage to Brazil to find a mad inventor who happens to have discovered a formula which will make petrol obsolete. She is constantly rescued from all sorts of scrapes by a suave Timothy Dalton and harassed by a real bitchy reporter from the rival rag. Good escapism and plenty of Brooke to admire.

Deadly Weapon tells how a 15-year old weakling suddenly starts growing up when he discovers a laser-gun which has been lost by the American military. He has a great time kidnapping the local big-wigs and zapping all who stand in his way. Naturally the most beautiful girl in town falls madly in love with him and everything is going his way until... he wakes up!

The Wizard of Loneliness is a complete change, not a car chase in sight, the wizard in question is Wendell Oler, a young boy excellently portrayed by Lucas Haas, who also starred in Lady In White. Set in 1944 it examines how Wendell evolves from a smart assed, bad-tempered kleptomaniac into someone who relies other people need him as much as he needs them. When his father volunteers for the army, and as his mother is dead, Wendell is packed off from his California home to live with his grandparents in Vermont. The film is slow but has superb acting, a good script and a very satisfying and emotional ending.

Speed zone is an action comedy in the style of "Cannonball Run". A new British best-seller starring Frank Windsor, The Real Eddy English, and for fans of horror films Terror at the Opera should keep you on the edge of your seats.

The Video Club Music Collection II 1989 is also released this week.

## Mountain of a bicycle to flatten a mountain of a hip may not be exciting

# Mothers have to be left with a few fantasies...cars inclusive

By Kathy Coddidy

IN "cool dude" terminology, I have just got myself a new set of wheels. At my age, one might reasonably assume that I am now the proud owner of a new car, perhaps a dashing sports model which could complement my dashing, sporty image.... Wrong! About the car, I mean. Unfortunately, for the time being, anyway, my sporty image warrants nothing more than a bicycle.

That's right, I've gone all fit and healthy. Or I think I have. We all have to admit to theoretical benefits of exercise, but those of us who preach the sermon to our children run the risk of being called upon to practise what we preach.

Giving in to the taunts of my nagging offspring, I asked myself, "How difficult can it be to ride a bike, for goodness sake? That's

supposed to be one of those things you never forget how to do. Isn't it?" So, off we went to our local bicycle shop.

The selection confounded me. Bicycles had undergone a complete metamorphosis since my cycling days.

"Heavens, all the handlebars are cluttered with wires," I observed.

"Gears, Madam. Those wires are called gears. Most of our bikes have ten or twelve speeds," the assistant announced with pride.

"Oh, but do I really need that many? After all, I'm not going to compete in the Tour de France. I just want a bike for a bit of exercise."

"Madam, gears aren't an option with these bikes. That's the way they come," replied the man in a slightly bewildered tone.

"Of course," I quickly agreed. "Obviously the manufacturers wouldn't put them on unless they

improved the riding quality." This last statement was uttered more in hope than with conviction.

"Now, what kind of bike do you think I should get?" I continued with growing uncertainty.

"Well, Madam, I should think a mountain bike would probably suit your needs."

"Yo, Mom," piped up my cheeky, svelte daughter, "he's noticed your large hips."

"I'm sure that in this case the gentleman used 'mountain' to refer to the terrain, not the passenger," I retorted through clenched teeth.

After a barrage of explanations and demonstrations, each of us made our choice. Needless to say, we each thought we had picked the best bike in the shop. All I know is that mine managed to be the most costly.

"You do have an eye for quality, Madam," the salesman beamed. "This is truly a Rolls-

Royce of a bicycle."

"At that price it could be a Rolls-Royce. The problem is its owner is more like a vintage Volkswagen. But a little practice will soon bring me up to standard. Right?" None one gave me the courtesy of a positive reply.

No sooner had the bikes been delivered than we gave them -- and ourselves -- a workout. To the children's surprise, and my relief, I did remember how to ride. I soon learned, though, that maintaining my balance was only part of the trick. The other part was pedalling, a simple matter on flat ground, a major feat when faced with hills. Our country road is built along the side of a mountain, a challenge which tested me almost beyond my endurance.

"Children," I called feebly through wheezes and pants, "I've noticed that this stressful pumping action is somehow dislodging my heart from the chest cavity. Right now it's near the

bottom of my throat...and rising rapidly."

"Take it easy, Mom. For a start, you could make life easier by changing gears."

"Change them?"

"That's what they're for, Mom. Just move these little switches. The rest of the climb may not be a piece of cake -- for you -- but at least you'll make it to the top. And just think, going down will be a cinch."

While going downhill was certainly less enervating, the steep decline was also hair-raising -- another trauma for my over-exerted heart.

"Aaaagh... this stupid bike won't stop. Help. I'm on a runaway."

"Use the brakes, Mom," shouted a child as he whizzed by.

"I am, but nothing's happening," I replied

with mounting terror.

"Don't pedal backwards, Mom," called another child in passing. "The brakes are on the handlebars. Just squeeze them."

Desperately following instructions, I nearly did myself an injury as the bike came to a grinding halt.

At the end of our ride I admitted feeling exhilarated... in a shaky, exhausted sort of way. I had concluded, though, that I had to become fitter before I could fully appreciate the gruelling "sport" of cycling.

"Maybe you should start with a three-wheeler," teased my son.

"No, maybe I should stick with four-wheelers... well-built, conservative motor models that aren't exciting but don't go out of style."

"To complement..."

"Don't say it. Mothers have to be left with a few fantasies..."



## Trends

## Craze for ice skates on wheels

MINNEAPOLIS, Minnesota. (Reuter): Gliding toward you is an ice hockey player — hair blowing, skates flashing, stick in hand. But it is summertime, and the skater is on wheels.

He is wearing rollerblades, the latest incarnation of rollerskates. First produced in Minnesota, the US ice skating heartland, rollerblades have become a national craze.

The high-tech skates resemble traditional ice skates, except that each "blade" is actually a single row of small, durable polyurethane wheels.

Coming in a blurring range of neon shades, they manoeuvre easily and can attain speeds of up to 40 miles per hour (65 km).

Skaters with their pocket stereos and headphones have become a common sight weaving along pavements and beachfronts from coast to coast.

In California, the birthplace of so many American fads, the unique brand of rollerskates are rivaling skateboards, surfboards and bicycles as a way of getting around in style.

"Rollerblades have captured the imagination of the public. The public can't get enough of it and the company can't make them fast enough," said Lee Cole, a San Francisco store owner who sells the skates.

For some users Rollerblades are a less painful form of exercise than jogging. Others wear them to play a variation of ice hockey where a car park replaces the rink and a tennis ball is batted around instead of a puck.

Brothers Scott and Brennan Olson developed the skate in the late 1970s as a method of off-season training for winter sports professionals.

"Hockey players and skiers found they were a lot of fun," said Mary Horwath, vice president of public relations for Rollerblades Inc. The private company, based in the Minneapolis suburb of Evan Prairie, dominates the market.

"We really took what we were hearing from the skaters and skiers into the marketplace," she said. "On the West Coast, we focused on fun and fitness."

The fad is not cheap. Prices range from \$90 to 250 per pair. Nevertheless, sales of the skates have doubled in each of the past two years and Horwath forecasts 100,000 pairs would be snapped up this year.

Rollerskates were born in the 18th century in the Netherlands, where, like Minnesota, ice skating is king. The makers of rollerblades have borrowed the original Dutch design, which carried a single row of wooden wheels.

In 1863 American Leonard Plimpton created the modern side-by-side wheels configuration, and the popularity of both indoor and outdoor rollerskating has ebbed and surged since.

Rollerblades are just the latest variation.

"It seemed to be a good form of exercise in the summer. I got out on them after work two nights a week and skate up and down one of the parking ramps in town," said Paul Anderson, an enthusiast from Rochester, Minnesota.

One problem with rollerblades, especially for beginners, is stopping, which requires a fancy turn or jamming down with a brake pad attached to the back of the skate.

Retailers recommended gloves and pads for the elbows and knees, noting the painful difference between a spill on pavement and a slide on ice.

## Against the odds

Granny makes wish a reality  
She's a legal eagle

By Marilyn Gardner

CLEARWATER: Four years ago, when Ann Steffens enrolled in law school, she and her husband still had 10 of their 15 children living at home. Nine of them were teen-agers. Although she worried at first about the multiple demands on her time, her husband, Hank, was enthusiastic about her studies and vowed to help make her dual role possible.

"He was thrilled — 'Oh, two incomes at last!' Mrs Steffens recalls with a laugh. 'He said he'd do everything at home, and he did. He got the kids very organized, and he did a really good job.'"

For her part, the decision to begin a late-blooming career as a lawyer was an exercise in courage. After spending 34 years at home as a wife and mother, Steffens says, "I was so scared to even call Stetson (University College of Law) about taking the LSAT."

But her early fears faded, and the academic challenge proved not only possible but rewarding.

Then, at the beginning of Steffens' last semester, her husband became critically ill. Relatives and friends rallied to help the family. Even classmates were "absolutely marvelous," she says.

Three days after Steffens received her law degree in May 1988 her husband died. But later that summer she took the Florida Bar exam. In November she joined the firm of George, Schafer & Payant in Clearwater.

Now, sitting in a leather chair in her office, where two family photographs stand unobtrusively on her desk, Steffens, a small, soft-spoken woman, reflects on the decades she spent at home raising the couple's three children and 12 adopted children — three of them biracial Americans and nine from Korea and the Philippines.

"When I was first at home, other mothers were, too," she says. "but as time went on, everybody got jobs."

"There was always a feeling it's not enough to be a wife and mother. But I think the lack of parental supervision at home has been responsible for a lot of what's happening to children. They may rebel against every rule you have, but deep down they do want you to set limits. If you're not home, who knows what's going on?"

Yet Steffens understands the complex factors that propel many young mothers into the work force. She also knows the challenges women can face in returning to work after years at home.

"I've been very fortunate in finding jobs," Steffens says. "But many older women coming out of law school have had a terrible time getting jobs. Older men have problems, too, but not as many."

"When you hire younger women, you hire the fact that they're probably going to be a mother in a few years. There's not as much continuity as with an older woman."

Beyond the advantage of continuity, Steffens finds her years as a mother giving perspective to her legal work. In one case involving a young Filipino who was a victim of battery in the park, the youth's father told Steffens his son was experiencing a lot of prejudice.

"I shared with him that I have Filipino children, too. I felt I could identify with his problems."

Another time the firm represented a teen-ager who was accused of grand theft. Although he was acquitted, Steffens understood what his family was going through.

"My kids have been in situations where they've been victims of circumstances," she says. "And the boy was under tremendous pressure from his peers. If I hadn't been a mother, I would not realize the importance to teen-agers of their peers' opinions."

Today the Steffens house is emptying out, with only three children and one grandchild living at home. Steffens is gradually adjusting to life on her own after 37 years of a "very close" marriage. She is also relishing her new career. "I love being a lawyer," she says.

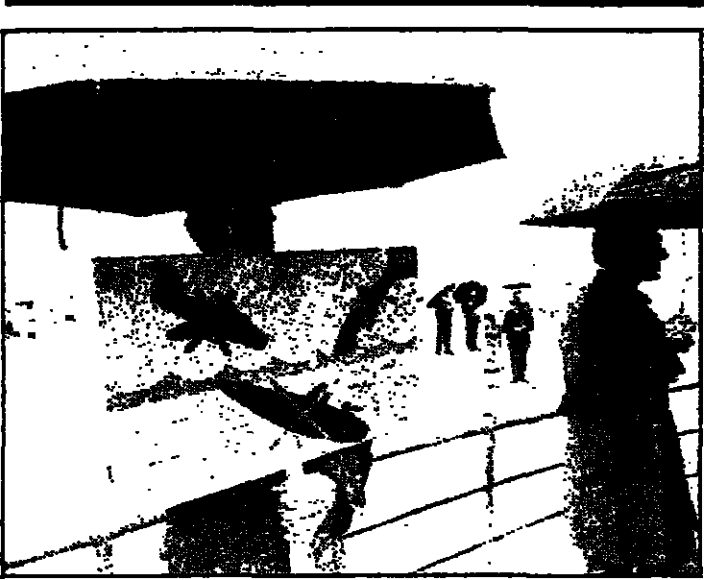
But even a law degree offers no protection from the petty indignities of everyday life. Steffens notes with good-humored annoyance that visitors to the office sometimes assume she is a secretary.

Another minor grievance occurred when Steffens needed a new car. One salesman asked, "Don't you think you should have your husband buy you?"

And always there are the pesky vicissitudes of being a single homeowner — the balky appliances, the leaky faucets, the electrical failures that can try the patience of someone who describes herself as "cerebral" rather than mechanical.

"My husband could do everything," Steffens says with a sigh. "I can't. Things continue to break. Don't they know there's nobody here to fix them?"

1989, The Christian Science Monitor.



## Save Baltic Sea

Estonian ecologists protest against Baltic Sea pollution on the beach of Pyramu. Thousands of Estonians took part in the day of action which was called by the 'Greens'. (Reuter wirephoto)



## Ringo stars

Ringo Starr gestures to the audience as the former Beatle completes his first solo tour on Monday at Greek Theatre in Hollywood. (Reuter wirephoto)



## Brain's chemistry may explain violent acts

## Probing the criminal mind

By Rebecca Kolberg

WASHINGTON, (UPI): For no apparent reason, maybe at a bus stop or in a tavern, a seemingly average guy "snaps" and lashes out violently at the people or property closest at hand.

Senseless, isn't it? Maybe not, say researchers who have found the brain's chemistry may help explain — and might even predict — such terrifying outbursts.

For most of this decade, a team of US and Finnish scientists have studied the psychological and biological makeups of 58 violent criminals and arsonists imprisoned in Finland. Thirty-six of the men had either attempted or committed manslaughter and 22 had deliberately set fires.

Two-thirds of the manslaughter convicts were considered "impulsive" because they attacked people previously unknown to them, had little or no provocation and did not rob their victims. All arsonists chosen for the study were judged impulsive because they did not set fires for profit or plan them for revenge.

The vast majority of the men — both impulsive and non-impulsive — were alcohol abusers and committed their crimes while they were intoxicated, researchers said.

In their earliest work, the team found impulsive offenders' cerebrospinal fluid contained unusually low levels of a chemical called 5-HIAA, an end-product of serotonin, a brain chemical affecting mood and emotion.

Those criminals were also more likely than others to suffer an abnormal drop in blood sugar, called hypoglycemia, after a glucose tolerance test.

Several follow-up studies, published recently in Archives of General Psychiatry, further underscore the linkage between biochemical markers and impulsive, violent behaviour.

The most controversial of the studies was conducted about three years after the men were released from prison. Based on police and court records, it found men who committed a new violent offense or arson had tested significantly lower for serotonin and blood sugar while in prison than non-repeaters.

By examining cerebrospinal fluid and

blood samples taken before the men were released from prison, the National Institutes of Health researchers were able to "predict" the repeat offense outcome of 84 per cent of subjects without looking at their criminal records.

Co-director of the study, Dr Markku Linnoila, of the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, stressed much more work needs to be done before biochemical markers might be used as a predictive tool for violence.

But Linnoila said, "if these findings are confirmed, we can start to discuss this information as something that could be applied to the workings of society. I could see it become an issue in parole decisions."

Current psychological and behavioral yardsticks have not proven very useful in predicting which prisoners will revert to violence after release. And Linnoila said biochemical tests may someday offer a "rather significant improvement" in forecasting long-term outcome for the impulsive type of dangerous criminal.

"Of course, you can never explain all of human behaviour by simple biochemical markers," he added.

In addition to identifying people at risk for repeated violence, researchers said biochemical markers might also identify which offenders could benefit from medication.

Some studies have shown drugs that boost serotonin levels appear to reduce violent behaviour among prison inmates, and may also lower alcohol consumption — a key factor in many violent acts. Such drugs are currently used to treat depression.

Klaus Miczek, a psychology professor at Tufts University in Boston, said scientists have been looking for possible biological markers for violence for three decades.

But Miczek said what is remarkable — and controversial — about the new observations is the "phenomenally high" degree of correlation between biochemical levels and behaviour.

Linnoila's study "is the only one who has had this remarkable level of prediction. No one has managed to see anything like this in animals or humans," he said.

Miczek said the NIH team used "rather fancy" statistical methods which need to be examined in more detail.

"In our own studies in rats and mice, or other people's work with non-human primates, no such correlations have ever been found. That's very important," he said. "Biochemical events don't evolve at the human level very suddenly. There should be precursors in lesser developed organisms."

Miczek said biochemical tests to predict violence are "a possibility, but in the very distant future."

The psychological researcher said such tests pose a "very two-edged type of sword." He said predictions could stigmatize certain individuals, but may also benefit society as a whole.

There is no question serotonin plays a significant role in violent and aggressive behavior, Miczek said. But he noted many other neurotransmitters and neuroreceptors also influence brain function.

"The question is to find the sequence of biochemical events that takes place to prompt a complex behaviour like a violent act to occur. The sequence will likely be different for different types of violence," he said.

Animal studies indicate genetics, early life experience and hormones may lead to aggressive behaviour, Miczek said.

The Tufts Researcher said more work must be done to see if biochemical abnormalities actually trigger violent behaviour, or if the imbalance may in fact arise from lifestyle factors like alcohol use and stress.

The NIH team noted most of the 58 criminals studied "behaved well in prison, where alcohol is generally not available, and were released early because of good behaviour."

"When released from prison, however, many of these persons started to drink excessively again, which only led them to commit another serious offense," they stated.

Linnoila said no work has been done to see if there may be a serotonin-impulsiveness continuum, with people at the highest levels showing little impulsivity, those with less being more inclined to act on a whim and those with the lowest amount being prone to violent crimes.

## Abuse, alcohol, lead to obesity

By Patricia Bond

SEATTLE, (UPI): A child who grows up in an alcoholic home or who has been abused or molested may face a greater risk of becoming an obese adult than other youngsters, a new study indicates.

Dr Robert Kanter of Seattle's Northwest Clinical Nutrition Centre said his research found more than one-third of obese women had an alcoholic parent, compared to 16 per cent in the general population.

Physical abuse was part of the history of about one-quarter of obese females, compared to 16 per cent for the general population, he said.

Overall, 57 per cent of the 244 obese women studied and 34 per cent of 55 obese men studied were found to have a history of either parental alcoholism or severe abuse, he said.

"Our study is the first to show that a possible outcome for adult children of alcoholics is obesity," Kanter said.

The child learns to avoid emotional pain through addictive behaviours and chooses food as a drug of choice, rather than alcohol, or in addition to alcohol, Kanter theorized.

"Folks who feel good about themselves, make accommodations to take care of themselves. For others, the energy, self-esteem and assertiveness to take care of yourself is lacking. You can't be in top form when you come from a dysfunctional family," Kanter said.

Kanter said he thinks a lower rate of parental alcoholism for obese men — 31 per cent — reflects a perception gap rather than a different rate of susceptibility for women. "Males tolerate more drinking behaviour before they call it alcoholism," he explained.

The study also showed 20 per cent of the overweight women studied have alcoholic spouses, while only 3.6 per cent of obese males have alcoholic spouses.

Kanter said the disparity also is due to perception.

"Men don't hang on to an alcoholic spouse, but women put up with inappropriate behaviour far longer, which is why they gain weight. They sit at home waiting for a spouse to come home — and they eat to suppress the anxiety," he said.

Personal alcohol problems among the obese stood at 8.2 per cent for women, compared to 4.4 per cent in the general population, and 24 per cent in obese males, compared with 20 per cent in the general population.

The rate of obesity — defined by the study as close to 50 pounds overweight — is roughly the same in men and women, but more women seek treatment because of the stigma against obese women in society.

Dr Jim Ferguson, Director of the Pharmacology Research Institute in Salt Lake City, Utah, and an expert on obesity, disagreed with Kanter's results, saying the study "doesn't sound feasible."

Ferguson questioned the link between a family history of alcoholism and obesity. He said the only environmental factor that has been clearly associated with obesity is the socio-economic phenomenon, which shows the upper-income classes have less obesity.

But Kanter said 71 per cent of the binge eaters in his sample group had a history of parental alcoholism or severe abuse.

He emphasized that all overweight people do not have dysfunctional families. But he said it is important to investigate the possibility.

## Site where spiritual history of Europe and Asia meet

## Archaeologists search again for Homer's heroes of Troy

TURKEY, Sept. 6. (Reuter): Archaeologists believe that the small mound on Turkey's Aegean coast holds the ruins of the city that fell to a 10-year siege recounted in the Greek poet Homer's "Iliad."

In the absence of dramatic Greco-Roman ruins found elsewhere in Turkey, tourists seem happiest climbing into and photographing a large wooden replica of the "Trojan Horse."

Homer said the Greeks hid in the hollow wooden horse to enter and capture the city, all for the sake of the beautiful runaway Queen Helen.

"This is no Roman Disneyland. It's all dull, grey stone," said Professor Manfred Korfmann of West Germany's University

of Tubingen, who is leading the first excavation since 1938.

"But you can feel more than you see. It is unique, a site where the spiritual history of Europe and Asia meet," he said, gesturing to the nearby Dardanelles Strait between the two continents, once known as the Hellespont.

The first seasons in 1988 and 1989 in what may be a 15-year excavation have unearthed no dramatic finds at one of the most hallowed sites in archaeology.

Core drilling in the fertile plain between the mound and the Dardanelles revealed that the sea once lapped the walls of Troy, but well before the Bronze Age Trojan war.

Some 600 buckets of pottery shards have been individually computer-listed. Every stone that is dug out will also have its details entered by two computer specialists.

The 30-person, mainly West German team eventually hopes to have direct satellite links from Troy to computers in Tubingen and the US University of Cincinnati.

An electromagnetometer survey of the mound and surrounding area has found the street plan of the Roman-era city, when Troy enjoyed a pilgrimage status similar to occupied Jerusalem today.

"These machines are only just beginning to be used in archaeology. The plan will

save us a great deal of time in future," said Brian Rose, a professor from Cincinnati.

Underneath the Roman layer lie 40 cities, one atop another, the earliest dating back to 2,400 BC. A visitor can jump millennia in a single step.

Experts say Homer's Troy is possibly a level destroyed by fire about 1,200 BC, whose stone houses and finely dressed walls were a fitting backdrop for the epic tale.

Rose said the hope of finding actual proof of Homer's Troy was always strong in archaeologists' minds.

Even if there is no miracle discovery like written Trojan records, archaeologists say

properly excavated layers of stones and broken pottery will help date excavations of other sites in Asia Minor.

Korfmann said modern archaeology was virtually invented at Troy with the 1870 excavation by German businessman-scholar Heinrich Schliemann.

Schliemann found gold treasure, lost in Germany during World War Two, but experts now believe that it predated the era most likely to have encompassed the reign of Homer's Trojan King Priam.

Schliemann's great north-south trench removed much of the mound and did great damage by today's standards. But he did leave two two-metre (yards) wide central

pillars of earth standing for future generations.

Now archaeologists are working on them with painstaking care, scraping off a metre (yard) each season and recording each tiny piece of pottery on the computer.

"We want our work to be just as accessible in 50 years time as now," Korfmann said.

The technology may be advanced, but Rose said some of the old realities of Near Eastern archaeology had not changed.

"We are washing all the pottery shards at the work station near where we live," he added. "It uses up all the water in the village. There is none left for people to wash themselves."



# BUSINESS & FINANCE

## Ministers see no quick fix to Opec problems

**BELGRADE, Sept. 6, (Reuters):** Opec ministers have voiced doubts about whether upcoming Opec talks in Geneva can achieve a complete answer to the problem of re-allocating oil output quotas in order to get a firm floor under prices.

"The quota problem is not something you can solve in two minutes like that. It takes a bit longer," said Nigeria's Rilwanu Lukman, president of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

He was speaking late yesterday after informal talks in the margin of the Belgrade non-aligned summit with Opec secretary-general Subroto and the Algerian, Indonesian and Venezuelan oil ministers.

Unexpectedly strong world oil demand had prevented a repeat of last year's glut when average prices tumbled towards \$10 per barrel.

But the Opec average price is down to around \$16.50, compared with the group's target of 18.

Asked if he hoped that better discipline, at the least, would result from the September 23 meeting in Geneva, Lukman answered: "Alright, if you want to put it that way."

"We would be happier if it were back to 18, surely?"

Indonesia's Gananjar Kartasudirna said the oil market should not expect too much from the Geneva talks, also indicating that more on quotas would be decided. Opec has further talks scheduled for November.

The five officials who met in Belgrade are known in Opec as "the wise men," a tribute to their past role as mediators in quota disputes, but Lukman was emphatic in denying that they met to plan tactics ahead of the Geneva session.

## KD deposit rates ease

**KUWAIT, Sept. 6, (Reuters):** Short-dated Kuwaiti dollar deposits eased in active trade today but rates for fixed periods were steady in the absence of any fresh factors.

Dealers said business centred on day-to-day funds as operators covered positions. Liquidity remained relatively tight but a new issue of 100 million dinars of government treasury bills yesterday didn't have much effect as a previous issue was rolled over on the same day, they said.

Overnight funds were bid at eight per cent, after trading at the same level. Quotes for tomorrow next and spot next eased 1/2 point to 8-1/2, 7-1/2 per cent. The one-week also declined to 8-1/4, 7-3/4 from nine, eight yesterday.

One-month to one-year deposits were indicated unchanged in a flat yield curve of 8-5/8, 3/8 per cent.

The Central Bank adjusted its dinar exchange rate firmer to 0.30090 to the dollar from 0.30115/25 yesterday. Commercial banks quoted spot rates of 0.30115/20.

## Currency rates

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Indian rupee.....18.130  
Sri Lankan rupee.....7.990  
Pakistani rupee.....14.430  
Bangladesh taka.....9.260  
US dollar.....301.60  
Pound sterling.....469.00  
Deutsche mark.....152.45  
UAE dirham.....08.208  
Japanese yen.....002.069

## Expats seek innovative approach

# NRIs look to banks as 'wealth creators'

**By M.C. Bose**  
Business editor

**INDIAN commercial banks** count a lot on the Non-Resident Indians living in the Gulf countries to sell their services. These banks mostly in the public sector resort to aggressive marketing to tap the high saving potential of the Indian expatriates. Since the market offered by expatriates is relatively neglected by the banks in the Gulf states, Indian banks enjoy a virtual monopoly. How satisfied are the expatriates with the services offered by Indian banks? Do they look for some special products taking care of their whole banking needs? On these issues The Arab Times spoke to a Kuwait-based banking specialist T.J. Mathew. Mathew was formerly an economist with the State Bank of India at its central office.

**How active are the Indian banks in tapping the market offered by expatriates?**

Commercial banks in India are vying with each other to get an increased share of the market offered by Non-Resident Indians particularly the ones settled in the Gulf countries. NRI segment has been a growing market for liability products offered by banks. This attraction of selling deposit products to the NRIs has encouraged some banks to offer fund management products like portfolio man-

agement and investment counselling services, but for some reason such products do not seem to have attracted many.

### Perception

Since this segment has been a captive market for the Indian banks, precious little has been done to innovate or develop new products. A perception of the NRIs is that Indian banks are not imaginative enough to offer a product that would meet with their special banking needs.

**What are the various types of products and services now offered by Indian banks for the NRIs?**

Broadly they can be classified under five groups. In the first group—liability products—banks offer three products viz. NRE deposits, FCNR deposits and NRO deposits. In addition, the NRI bonds issued by State Bank of India last year falls under this category.

In the second group—general banking services—banks offer facilities such as remittances, standing orders (direct debits), and cheque cashing and foreign exchange. Also included in this group are credit cards and travellers' cheques.

In the third group—fund management products—banks offer portfolio management and investment counselling services.

Fourthly, under specialised services, safe deposit lockers and safe custody services are the major ones. In addition, some banks

offer certain routine advisory services on areas like taxes and direct investment.

Lastly, under lending services banks offer credit facilities mainly against the security of deposit certificates or NRI bonds.

**Do you foresee the need for introducing some new products service taking care of the special banking needs of NRIs?**

Certainly, the above are a wide range of products/services and then why is it that NRIs want some new products. To appreciate this point it may be necessary to analyse the major characteristics of the NRI customers as compared to domestic customers.

First, NRI market is a highly segmented market. On the basis of the capability to create wealth annually they can be grouped differently. For example, a good number of NRIs can be termed as "high-net-worth individuals." They have a high saving potential and normally this group is demanding clients. An understanding about the various sub-segments of this market may be necessary while offering some of the products/services.

### Conscious

Secondly, they are highly yield conscious. Note that since their stay in the host countries is not permanent (unlike the Indian settlers in US or in Europe) they look forward to maximizing

their wealth before migrating back. In other words NRIs look to banks as "wealth creators."

Thirdly, as many of the Gulf Indians are not well versed with the various investment avenues, they look forward to banks as trustees to manage their funds. They also want their banks to act as agents or representatives in all financial and even in non-financial matters. And lastly, NRI customers look to banks as "wealth preservers" once back in India. They want their banks to help them control, shelter and expand their assets.

These peculiarities thus bring forth a set of special banking needs. The existing products and services offered by Indian banks in the present forms are not entirely tailored to meet such banking needs. Further, they want personalised banking service wherein they expect the bank's official to attend all the banking needs at one point instead of going through the routine of getting in touch with the various departments of the banks. Hence there arises the case for developing new products and new delivery system.

**What kind of product/service do you have in mind?**

Private banking services offered by some of the Western banks may have some relevance in India. "Private Banking" or "Personal Banking" is in great demand both in the US and

Europe. A recent survey revealed that 48 per cent banks in the US are providing private banking. Some of the major banks like J.P. Morgan, Chase Manhattan and Citicorp have been in this business for quite some time. This product is also getting popular in the European countries.

### Private banking

The idea of private banking is to provide banking services to its affluent and otherwise important clientele. It involves a few basic activities: deposit service, trust and custody service, portfolio management, investment advice, tax planning, regular payments to dependent relatives, payment of insurance premia, school fees, etc. It also offers real estate investment services and credit lines for those thinking of property purchases. The genius of private banking lies in delivering all these services at one-stop.

Personal financial planning is a major feature of private banking. It involves arranging and managing all financial affairs after understanding the personal problems and attitudes of the client and formulating a plan.

**What would be the target customer group for this product?**

As mentioned earlier the target group of customers for this service is the "high-net-worth individuals" among the NRIs. Note that nearly 5-10 per cent of the NRIs in the Gulf states can be

very well categorised as high-net-worth individuals. On an average their net wealth creation per year is Rs50 million to Rs1 million. Given the number of Indians living abroad—nearly 1 million—in the Gulf states, the size of the target group of customers is not in anyway small. This concept of private banking can also be extended to the Indian customers as there is no shortage for wealthy private clients.

**What are the attractions for Indian banks in introducing this new product?**

One can see certain distinct advantages in selling a product of this nature to NRI clients. First, the profitability of this product will be high given the low average cost of servicing NRI accounts as compared to domestic customers' accounts. Second, this product will help the bank to do cross-selling some of its wide array of services. Third, private banking offers scope for the bank in building up a stable clientele.

Simply because there is a demand for private banking does not mean that customers will be lined up at the door. The development of a sound customer service-oriented relationship is crucial in selling a product of this nature. So, it is important to make sure that bank's relationship with the customer is based on the quality of the customer service, not just the profit potential in each transaction.

## US dollar retreats, shares nosedive

**LONDON, Sept. 6, (Reuters):** Stalked by the threat of further central bank intervention, the dollar ended lower in Europe today while shares in London nosedived as Wall Street turned sharply lower.

Dealers said the US currency declined on a combination of profit-taking and on concern that central banks would repeat Tuesday's barrage of dollar sales which took some of the steam out of its recent on foreign exchange markets.

"If they are trying to push the dollar lower, then this is an ideal time. But if they are just trying to warn us, then they probably won't be in at these levels. And I think they are trying to do the latter," said Ian Spence, a dealer with Manufacturers Hanover Trust Co in New York.

The dollar was also being restrained by speculation that West Germany's Central Bundesbank might announce tomorrow at its regular council meeting, held every two weeks, that it would raise interest rates to combat inflation.

Gold firmed to close at \$360.25 an ounce in London, down \$1.50 from Tuesday's finish.

## Feasibility study on power linkage

### Five Islamic countries meet

A MEETING of the Islamic ministers was held in Ankara in Jan 17, 1989. In the meeting, an agreement was signed to begin preparing a feasibility study for electrical linkage among these countries.

Another meeting was held in Amman during March, 1989. The meeting in Amman included representatives from the five countries. A special technical committee then was formed consisting of two members from each of the countries to conduct an initial study and decide upon choosing the best qualified consultant establishment which has long experience in the field of electrical linkage.

Another follow up committee was also formed along with its secretariat centred in the electricity establishment in Amman.

The first meeting for the technical committee was held in Jordan from April 1-3, 1989. During this meeting, representatives put the reference parties for the study and invitations were sent to nine international consultant firms to submit quotations for the project.

While studying these quotations, one establishment will be chosen in order to start the feasibility study for the electrical linkage project among these countries. The results of the feasibility study will be presented to the first ministerial conference of the Islamic Conference Organisation.

According to a statement made by the Egyptian electricity and energy minister, the selection of a consultant establishment will be limited among a Canadian office, a joint French and German office, a Swedish office, and a Danish office.

The electrical linkage project among the five countries will be completed in 1994.

The Islamic bank has agreed to give a \$250,000 grant, along with the Arabic Fund for Economic Development which agreed upon presenting a \$350,000 grant to supply the feasibility studies and technical designs for the electrical linkage project.

Jordan and Iraq will be linked together in 1991, meanwhile Jordan and Egypt will be linked together in 1993.

## WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

**SYDNEY, Sept. 6, (Reuters):** The market closed marginally weaker as its latest profit-taking rally ran out of steam. The All Ordinaries index closed 0.7 points off at 1,766.7.

**TOKYO:** Interest rate jitters sent share prices reeling to close broadly lower. The Nikkei index lost 170.64 to close at 34,271.31.

**HONG KONG:** The Hang Seng index crept up 5.21 points to 2,577.62 in low volume.

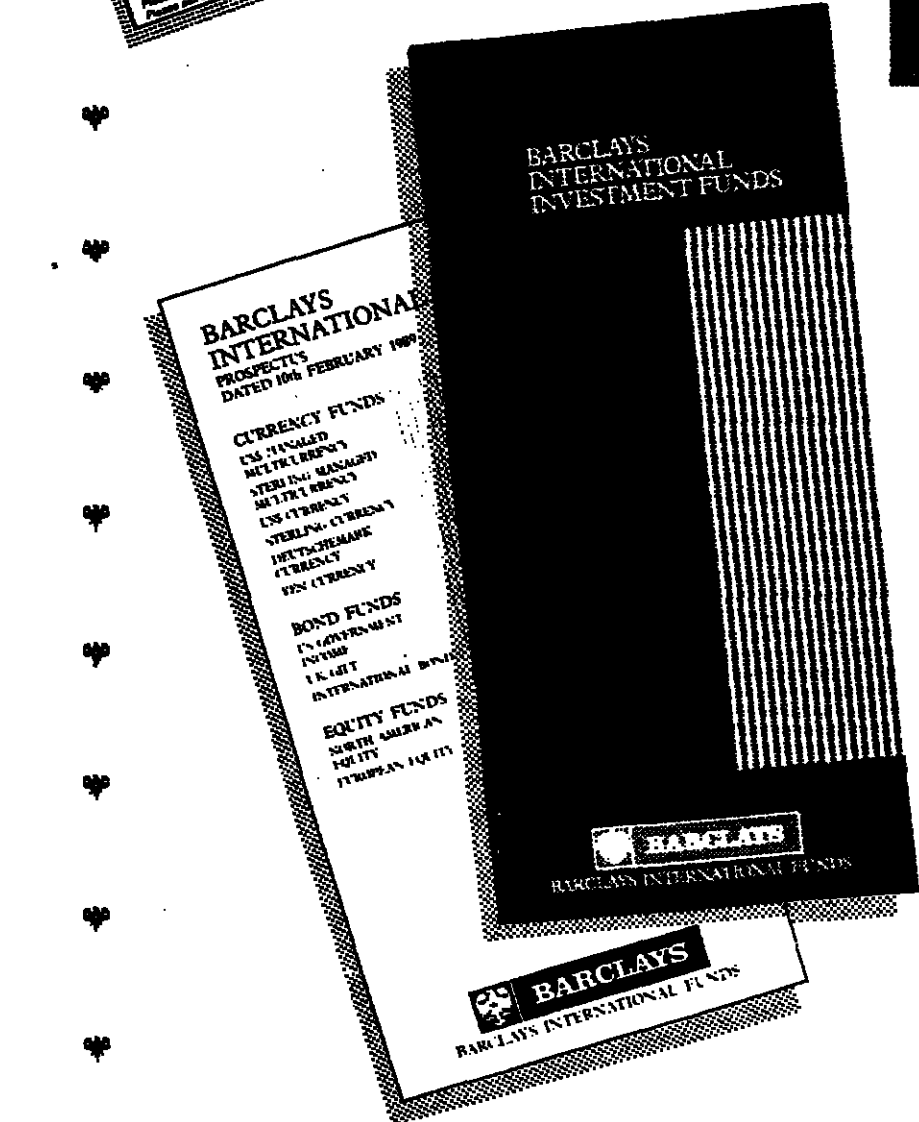
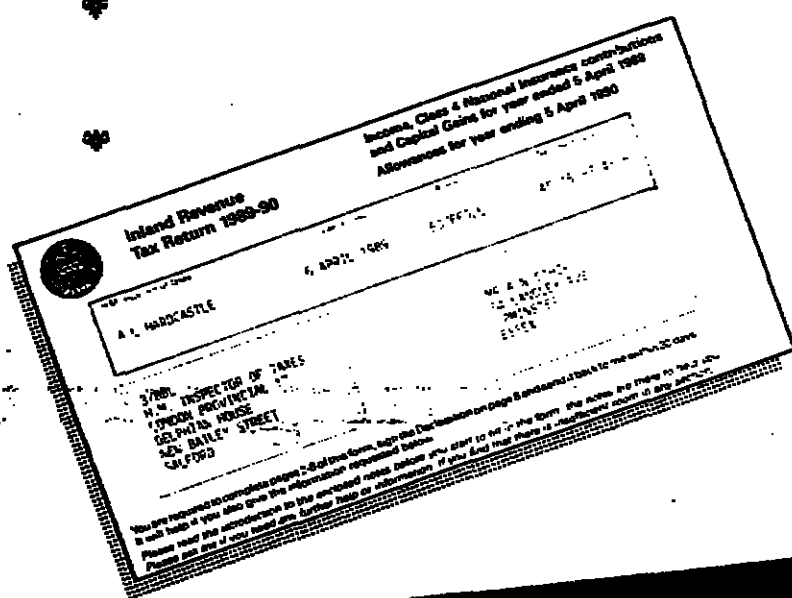
**BOMBAY:** Prices faltered to end mixed after an early rally sparked heat-taking.

**FRANKFURT:** Shares ended mixed to lower as participants took profit on selected shares while driving once-neglected sectors and stocks higher. The Real-Time 30-Share Dax index closed

3.92 points lower at 1,633.55. **ZURICH:** Shares closed firm in lively trade but dealers were split over how much longer the recent rally would continue. The All-Share Swiss market index rose 3.3 points to 1,219.5.

**PARIS:** French shares turned lower after Wall Street's drop, with heavy losses on blue chips Peugeot and Thomson dominating the session, dealers said. The 50-share price indicator ended 0.09 per cent.

**LONDON:** Prices fell in late trade with shares tracking Wall Street where profit-taking and futures-related programme selling drove blue chips lower. The FTSE 100 index was 29 points off at 2,397.0 at 1459 GMT.



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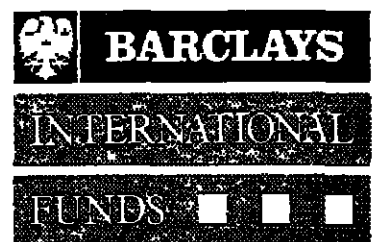
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## Bid to help restructure foreign debt

## Japan to advance \$1.4b to Mexico

MEXICO CITY, Sept 6. (AP): Japanese Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu says his government will advance a portion of a \$2 billion loan it has promised to Mexico to help restructure its foreign debt.

"Recently we have decided to advance \$1.4 billion to complement the Brady plan," Kaifu said at a news conference last night.

The advance, to be made in January, will be used along with money from the World Bank and International Monetary Fund to help pay off a \$107.4 billion foreign debt, second-largest among developing countries after Brazil.

The remainder of the \$2 billion pledged by Japan constitutes fresh funding and will be loaned over the following 21-2 years. Japanese Foreign Ministry spokesman Seichi Kondo said.

Kaifu said the money is to be used in accordance with the Brady plan, a programme devised by US Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady to refinance

the debts of developing nations through additional lending.

Within the framework of the Brady plan, Mexico reached an agreement in July with foreign commercial banks for reducing \$53 billion of its debt.

Kaifu, who took office last month, arrived Monday from Boston. He leaves today for Canada, where he will meet with Prime Minister Brian Mulroney.

At Tuesday's news conference, Kaifu congratulated Mexican President Carlos Salinas Gortari, following talks earlier in the day at the presidential residence Los Pinos. Kaifu said the two heads of state agreed that "both countries have to expand not only economic, but social and cultural ties."

Kaifu announced that Japanese buyers are negotiating a five-year contract with the government-run oil company Petroleos de Mexico, known as Pemex, to buy oil when the current 10-year contract runs out Dec 31.

"We have to guarantee oil for Japan," Kaifu said.

Under the current contract, a consortium of more than 10 Japanese oil companies, trading houses and banks loaned \$500 million to Pemex, which supplies Japan with 118,000 barrels of oil per day.

The consortium is about to be dissolved. But oil companies who have been members of the Mexican Petroleum Importing Company may form another group, similar to an importers' organisation that buys oil from China, Kondo said.

Kaifu met with Salinas twice and extended an invitation for the president to visit Japan. Salinas accepted but set no date for the trip. The two held discussions Tuesday and Salinas hosted a state dinner for Kaifu last night.

Mexican Commerce and Industrial Development Department Secretary Jaime Serra Puche will visit Japan in November to finalise trade accords between the two nations, Mexico's ambassador to Japan Mario Moya Palencia said.

Japan has \$1.4 billion worth of investments in 200 companies in Mexico. Another \$300 million worth of investments are expected from Japan this year, Moya Palencia said.

Also Tuesday, Kaifu laid a wreath at a Mexican monument, met with Mexico City's mayor and toured Mexico's anthropological museum.

Meanwhile, the World Bank plans grants from a new \$100-million package to help some of the world's poorest countries pay off loans to commercial banks, a spokesman said today.

It is expected that the governments will be able to buy back some of these commercial bank loans for small amounts.

Bolivia, which may be a candidate, has bought back some for as little as 10 or 11 cents on the dollar.

"I don't think there'll be much criticism if we can get discounts like that," said World Bank spokesman William Brannigan.

He suggested that the amount owed by any one country to any one bank would be small, and the bank would be glad to get it off the books.

Other possible candidates are Bangladesh and Nepal in Asia, and some southern African nations. Those countries that are up to date on repayment of loans to the World Bank itself and have set up new economic programmes satisfactory to it or the International Monetary Fund are expected to be eligible for the grants.

Big debtors like Brazil, Argentina and Mexico would not qualify.

Brannigan said the plan has been approved by the board of executive directors, 22 representatives chosen by the 151 governments.

## Third World debt strategy not enough, says UN

GENEVA, Sept 6. (AP): Western efforts to secure cuts in crippling Third World debt are expected to free no more than half the funds needed to spark economic recovery in Latin America and Africa, a UN report said today.

Many parts of the Third World failed to benefit from last year's rapid growth in world output and trade, and face further economic stagnation in the 1990s, the UN Conference on Trade and Development said in its annual report.

Economic growth in Latin America averaged only 0.8 per cent last year and per capita income fell in 12 of the 26 countries surveyed in the region, the report said. It forecast a further drop in the region's growth this year as inflation rises.

Africa's growth stagnated at 2.6 per cent last year despite an international programme to boost recovery, Unctad said.

By contrast, world output grew by an estimated 4.2 per cent in 1988, while the volume of world trade expanded by more than 9 per cent, the report said.

"It is increasingly apparent that buoyancy in the world economy alone cannot refloat these economies given the weight of their debt overhang," the report said, referring to Africa and Latin America.

It stressed large-scale debt reduction, independent of a country's internal economic policy, was the only way of helping countries break out of economic decline.

"It should not be necessary for a country to put its house in order before it can qualify for debt reduction," said Roger Lawrence, a senior Unctad official.

## Tunisia to push for easing of debt woes

Debt servicing will cost Tunis \$1.2b

TUNIS, Sept 6. (Reuters): Prime Minister Hedi Baccouche said today Tunisia wants a reduction of its billion-dollar-a-year debt servicing costs and changes in a recovery programme agreed with the World Bank and IMF.

"Such an adjustment, necessary because of the evolution of the economic situation and the drought, is also designed to help us overcome the problems of employment," he told Reuters in an interview.

For the last two years poor rains and a locust plague have devastated Tunisia's important agricultural sector and are blamed for cutting economic growth in 1988 to 1.6 per cent

after 5.8 per cent in 1987. Growth in 1989 is forecast at 3.1 per cent.

"The weight of the debt is very important. We are presently net exporters of capital...also we are examining all the possibilities for easing the strain (of the debt) and restructuring it," he added.

Debt servicing will cost Tunisia 1.1 billion dinars (\$1.2 billion) in 1989. The main lenders are the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank. France, West Germany, Japan, and the United States.

"We are not asking for rescheduling," added Baccouche, but "we are looking for concrete and specific measures which can ease the burden of this debt."

Baccouche said President Zine Al Abidine Ben Ali outlined a solution in a letter to the Toronto summit of leading Western industrial nations in June 1988.

Ben Ali appealed for a debt-service ceiling for countries such as Tunisia — classed as a medium-revenue earner — of between 15 and 25 per cent of export revenues and a reduction or elimination of interest rates on public loans.

Stressing Tunisia's commercial debt was not more than 10 per cent to the total debt, Baccouche said action by creditor banks to alleviate the servicing burden was possible.

Baccouche also called for the

economic adjustment package agreed in 1986 to be "readapted to eliminate the negative effects of unfavourable circumstances and overcome the problems of employment."

The IMF-World Bank programme is directed at liberalising production, investment, internal and external trade, prices and foreign exchange while maintaining a tight control of spending.

According to Baccouche this programme, begun towards the end of the rule of former President Habib Bouguiba, resulted in "a worsening of the employment situation and a slowing down of investment."

## Egypt sees boost in oil investment

CAIRO, Sept 6. (Reuters): Foreign oil companies are likely to increase investment in Egypt after exchange rate reforms which give them greater scope to offset local costs, a spokesman for the Egyptian General Petroleum Corporation (EGPC) said.

Oil companies had previously been obliged to buy Egyptian pounds to cover local costs at 0.70 pounds to the dollar instead of at the rate set for other businesses of 2.56 pounds. They can now buy pounds at 1.10 to the dollar, a 57 per cent increase.

"It will make operators feel happier," Salah Hafez, vice-chairman of the state-run EGPC said.

"It encourages operators to invest more. Those who are here will invest more," he told Reuters when asked about the effects of an exchange rate reform introduced last month.

## European business to get better coverage

## Press network launched

BRUSSELS, Sept 6. (Reuters): French media group Expansion announced the launch today of a European network of 18 specialist financial and economic publications.

Expansion chairman Jean-Louis Servan-Schreiber said it aimed to offer European business better international coverage by pooling the resources of six dailies, eight weeklies and four periodicals in Belgium, Spain, France, Britain, Italy and Switzerland.

"It will consist of a permanent, structured working system which we hope will enable us all to improve the quality of our information," Servan-Schreiber told a news conference in Brussels.

He said the network, to be run by a holding company called EurExpansion SA in which the Expansion Group will have a majority stake, is a response to the integration of the 12 European Economic Community countries in a single market after 1992.

Co-operation between the network's publications would involve "regular meetings" of their editors, sharing stories, exchanging correspondents and sharing costs of international correspondents, Servan-Schreiber said.

All member publications will benefit from the services of the Expansion Group in such fields as new publication launches, direct marketing and subscription sales, he said.

The 18 publications involved are Belgium's Echo De La Bourse, in which EurExpansion has taken a 34 per cent holding, and Europe's leading financial daily, Le Monde, and Rapoport France's in Tribune, Agfeli, La Vie Financiere, La Lettre De L'Expansion, L'Expansion, L'Entreprise and Haute Finance. Italy's MF and Milano Finanza, the Swiss Agfeli, Bilan and La Lettre Suisse Des Investisseurs, and financial weekly in Britain.

They have a combined circulation of 550,000 and employ a total of 400 journalists.

## France to cut top Vat rate

PARIS, Sept 6. (Reuters): The French government said today it is to cut the top rate of value added tax (Vat) to 25 per cent from 28 per cent in line with European Economic Community moves to harmonise indirect taxation.

Passenger cars, consumer electronic goods, luxury goods including perfumes and jewellery and tobacco are among the items affected, the Finance Ministry said in a statement.

The proposals would be made to the National Assembly for inclusion in the 1990 budget to be presented on Sept 20.

However, the Vat rate cut for cars and for electrical goods would be introduced early — applicable respectively from Sept 8 and 15 this year.

Although the move had been widely expected, the stock market reacted by boosting shares in the nation's only private sector carmaker, Peugeot.

Its stock, already strong in recent days on hopes of improved 1989 profits, jumped 12 francs (\$2) to 986 francs (\$150) a share. Finance Minister Pierre Bergevoegh has said he intends to reduce the top rate over four years to 18.6 per cent, currently the middle rate in a three-tier system.

The cost in lost budget revenue would be between 60 and 80 billion francs (\$9.1 and 12.1 billion), he said.

## Fashion and fear boost untapped UK bottled water market

LONDON, Sept 6. (Reuters): Britons once drank bottled water only when travelling abroad. A fear, probably rooted in colonial times, made them wary of tap water in foreign parts.

Now they drink it by the litre in a fast-growing market dominated by foreigners. One reason is fashion, the other is still fear — many don't think their own tap water is pure.

Sales in Britain of still and gaseous bottled water surged 81 per cent in the first seven months of 1989 and those of still water alone, a direct alternative to turning on the tap, were up 115 per cent, according to French mineral water company Perrier.

Its French rival Evian said its sales in Britain were up 95 per cent in the first half of 1989. "The UK is the fastest growing market in Europe," said Evian spokesman Michaela Pain.

Market research firm Projection 2000

reckons the British mineral water market, valued around £230 million (\$354 million) this year, will be worth £1.3 billion (\$2 billion) by the turn of the century.

The hottest summer in 13 years is a big reason why sales have soared this year. Tougher drink-driving laws and a more health-conscious consumer class are other factors, experts say.

But an underlying reason why the trickle has turned into a flood is worry about British tap water purity, experts say.

"We've always regarded our tap water as being of first rate quality and the continent as a place where you don't drink the tap water," said Tim Wilkinson, spokesman for Perrier, the company which turned fizzy water into a lifestyle statement.

"Now because people are becoming

increasingly aware of the problems with tap water they are looking for alternative sources."

Concern over tap water purity made headlines this summer in the midst of scares about salmonella, listeria and other kinds of health hazards in eggs and some processed food.

It was vividly portrayed in media pictures of hundreds of midge larvae swimming in tap water from a reservoir outside London. That was caused by an untidy hot summer.

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's government unwittingly stoked further public unease about tap water in an advertising campaign about plans to privatise the water industry.

Those against the plan capitalised on a row between the British government and the European Economic Community, which is trying to set standards of water

purity throughout the 12-state bloc.

The government does not dispute that some British water is not up to EEC standards but is at odds with Brussels over how soon it can update its supply system.

The European commission said a British plan to modernise water supply by 1993 was too slow and in June gave the government two months to meet a 1985 directive on water standards or go to the European court.

Britain was not alone in the EEC in lagging on meeting the commission's directives. But the row — one Sunday newspaper devoted its entire magazine issue to chemical analysis of water throughout the country — was a tonic for bottled water sales.

British thirst for bottled water is still a long way behind France, where "eau minérale" is one of life's necessities. The French drink 83 litres of bottled water a

year per person — about a glass a day for every man, woman and child.

Italians drink 80 litres per person, West Germans 73, and even Americans, who like tap water, drink 23 litres a year.

Britons drink only four litres per person. Projecting 2000 expects this to rise to 17 litres per person in 10 years time, which will put Britain into the European big league, but will not narrow the gap with the French much.

The British market was late to catch the wave because Britons were content with their water supply and because they consume so much tea and soft drinks, said David Tucker, director of research at Projection 2000.

Little effort was put into exploiting British natural water springs until recently, Tucker said. French companies still dominate the British market, although local brands like Scotland's highland spring have made inroads.



Lech Walesa

Bonn offering mining technology

## Industrialists told to invest in Poland

DUESSELDORF, West Germany, Sept 6. (Reuters): Solidarity leader Lech Walesa, whose movement is poised to lead Poland's new government, has urged industrialists to invest in the country and save it from bankruptcy.

"Poland is a wonderful country. There is plenty of business to be done together," Walesa said after arriving in Dusseldorf on Tuesday on his first visit to West Germany.

"We don't want any cash. We are only making a business proposition: It's not too late, but the longer you wait the more expensive it will be (to revitalise the Polish economy)." Walesa said.

Walesa last week called on Western European governments to help Poland to help a new Solidarity-led government save the country from disarray after more than 40 years of communist government.

He gave Premier Johannes Rau of northern Westphalia a list of 16 proposed joint projects for industries in Poland and the Gdansk region on the Baltic coast. Rau said the projects would discuss them shortly.

Federal Labour Minister Norbert Blum met Walesa and said: "We are not talking about aims but about making contributions to production efforts."

He said West Germany was offering mining technology and a programme to retrain Polish workers as part of the process to restructure Poland's mining industry.

In Warsaw, the Solidarity daily Gazeta Wyborcza said Prime Minister Tadeusz Mazowiecki had nominated Catholic journalist Mieczyslaw Pazon as his envoy for sensitive talks on normalising relations with West Germany.

The two countries have agreed to resume talks this month on debt rescheduling and to negotiate new credits.

Poland is seeking respite on its \$39-billion foreign debt, of which 20 per cent is owed to West Germany.

Walesa, who called for economic co-operation to replace East-West divisions, is due to meet President Richard von Weizsaecker, Chancellor Helmut Kohl and Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher later in the week.

## Tokyo shares

Nikkei stock average: 34271.31 (-170.64)			
Volume: 600 mil shs			
Yen exchange rate: 146.65			
Name of stock	Clog		
Advantest Corporation	4900	Nippon Shuppan	1750
Ajinomoto	2830	Nippon Steel Corp	783
Alps Electric	1690	Nipponkoku Co. Ltd.	2450
Amada	1940	Nitoku Corporation	1460
Asahi Chemical Indus	1200	Nomura Securities	3180
Asahi Glass	2300	Okuma Machinery Work	1710
C. Itoh Co.	995	Onward Kashiyama Co.	2200
Canon Inc.	1730	Orix Corporation	6590
Casio Computer	135	Pioneer Electronic C	4400
Dai Nippon Printing	2380	Renova Look Inc.	2370
Daiichi Sankyo	3100	Sanyo Electric Co.	864
Dainippon Pharmaceutical	2730	Secom Co., Ltd.	7850
Daishinku Corp	1900	Shin-Etsu Chemical C	1790
Eisai	2420	Shindengen Electric	1250
Fanuc Ltd.	7100	Sony Corporation	8820
Fuji Photo Film Co.	4590	Sumitomo Elec. Ind.	1530
Fujitsu	1530	Sumitomo Metal Ind.	756
Hitachi Credit	1980	Takeda Chemical Ind.	2510
Hitachi Koki	1850	TDK Corporation	5700
Hitachi Ltd.	1570	Tokai Marine Fire	2030
Hitachi Metal	1550	Tokyo Elec. Power	5790
Honda Motor	1960	Tokyo Electron Ltd.	3480
Ito-Yokado Co., Ltd.	4420	Toppan Printing	2000
Kajima Corporation	1050	Toray Industries Inc.	985
Kawasaki Heavy Ind	1030	Toshiba Corporation	1250
Kobe Cast Iron Works	890	Toyota Motor Corp.	2600
Kokusai Elec.	3050	Yaskawa Electric Mfg.	1290
Komatsu Ltd.	1230		
Kyocera Corporation	5470		
Marui	3330		
Matsushita Comm. Ind	3090		
Matsushita Electric	1390		
Mazda Motor Corp	1050		
Mitsubishi Corporation	1560		
Mitsubishi Heavy Ind	2400		
Mitsubishi Real Estate	2510		
Mitsubishi Pharmaceutical	1810		
Mori Seiki Co., Ltd.	3770		
NEC Corporation	1810		
Nikon Corporation	1400		

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Banyu Pharm	1870 dn 100
Calpis	1450 dn 20
Daiwa House	2470 dn 20
Fuji Bank	3670 dn 10
Fuji Elec	1110 dn 40
JAL	1700 dn 400
Kubota	1190 dn 50
Mitsui Bank	1430 dn 10
Nissan	1490 dn 10
Ricoh	1230 dn 10
Sankyo	2680 dn 40
Sekisui	2270 dn 20
Sharp	1380 dn 20
Shideco	2800 dn 50
Taisei	1540 dn 30
Yokogawa	1890 dn 40

## Bombay shares

BOMBAY Stock Exchange — Closing prices (Rs) as on: Sept 6, 1989.			
ACC	283	Indian Organic	46.50
Asia Paint	210	Indrayan	82.50
Brooke Bond	85	Indrol	263.75
Bajaj Auto	326.25	J.K. Synthetics	102
Baroda Rayon	665	Larsen and Toubro	130
Bombay Dyeing	124	Mukand	15.30
Century Spinning	2155	Master Shri	15.30
Colgate	178.75	Mahindra	91
DSE Index	729.25	MICO	630
Deepak Fert.	56	Nocil	1680
E.L. Hotel	117.50	Orkay	15.50
Estayef	26	Premier Auto	60
Essar	26.25	Relco	20.75
GNPC	37	Pfizer	6
GSFC	165	Reliance	105
Grasim	109.50	Siemens	57.75
G.E. Ship	40.75	Sed Mills	365
Garware Polyester	69	Tata Power	341.25
Gindia	91.50	Tata Chemicals	127.50
Hindustan	132	Tisco	1218
Ilford Lever	99.50	Telco	1042
Indoco	267.50	Vojtas	8.58
Indomotor	32	Nal index	382.60
I.T.C.	64.50	(Compiled by Kuwait India International Exchange Co.)	

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## EVENTS

## WHAT'S ON

## ARTS

**Kuwait Science Museum**  
**OPEN** Sat., Wed. 8-9 pm only. Natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Closed on Thursdays and Fridays.  
**Islamic Arts Museum**  
**SAT** - Thurs. 9 am to 12 noon and 4.00 to 7.00 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Quranic manuscripts, ceramics, carpets and marine equipment.  
**Tareq Rajab Museum**  
**SAT** - Thurs. 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm; Fridays: 9 am to 12 noon. Collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world.

**Sada House**  
**SAT** - Thurs. 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts - rugs, saddle bags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.

## SOCIAL

**Indian food festival**  
**RAMADA** Al Salam is organising an Indian food festival from Sunday Sept 3 till Thursday Sept 7, 1989. Big variety of delicious Indian dishes and sweets, this is beside the authentic Indian atmosphere tailored to match the occasion. Time: from 7 pm up to midnight. Place: El Bender Coffee Shop.  
**Onam celebration**  
**SEPT 14**: It has been proposed to celebrate the

**Onam Festival at Indian Arts Circle**. A committee is formed with Dr K.T.B. Menon and M. Mathews as the patrons. The programme will start at 7 pm with cultural programmes and will be followed by a fabulous traditional Ona Sadya. Passes will be available with KC Eapen. Tel: 2405100 (Off) 5339425 (Res) C.T. Kuruvilla. 4745628 (Off) 5638602 (Res), Madhu, Tel: 5638762 (Res) or at IAC office 3904817.

**Weaving**  
**ANYONE** interested in abstract, picture or Sada style weaving, please contact Fran Rees for further details. Tel 5657425 (Salwa).  
**Proposed times:**  
**Sunday 9.30 - 13.00 start Sept 10.**  
**Tuesdays 14.30 - 18.00 start Sept 12.**

**One Sadya**  
**OVERSEAS** Indian Cultural Congress (OICC) has decided to celebrate the Onam - the national festival of Kerala - with its traditional feast "Ona Sadya" which includes 21 delicious vegetarian dishes at New Regal Restaurant on Sept 14, at 7 pm. For more details please contact tel: 4314183, 5629747 and 3988569.

**Pakistan Arts Circle**  
**A SERIES** of programmes is being organised by the Pakistan Arts Circle, which includes mushairas, musical varieties, literary discussions, etc. Families are most welcome. Please register your names on Tel. Nos. 5323693, 5717585 or 4716258.

**Syndicate Live**  
**SEPT 15** Two leading Goan organisations in Kuwait, The Weekend Club and Kuwait Goans, will join hands to host "Syndicate Live," a musical extravaganza at the Indian Arts Auditorium featuring Goan's music kings, The Syndicate, Stepping Stones, Top Ranks and a selection of talented local singers. Gate passes available at Raja Stores and the Organisers. Call: Joe 2413348, Julio 5734513 for more information.

**Kalpak exhibition**  
**SEPT 15**: Women's wing of Kerala Art and Literature Promoting Association of Kuwait (Kalpak) will hold an exhibition of arts and handicrafts at the Indian embassy hall from 3 pm to 8 pm. Those interested to show their own creation, please contact on telephone Nos: 5632708/4316737/5626620.

**Breeze '89**  
**OCT 26**: Trivim Centre's - Breeze '89 is going to hit the floors of Ramada Al Salam hotel New Ballroom at a social evening organised in commemoration of village festival. Top Rank and Stepping Stones will provide scintillating music, lots of surprises await. For further information please contact the organisers, Casimiro or Mario on Tel. No. 2441860/67 after 3.30 pm.

**Melody Night '89**  
**AN** evening of popular Indian music by local stars from 6.30 pm to 10 pm on Friday 8th Sept '89, at the Sharq Co-op. Society Hall. For details contact Tel: 5640389 between 3.00 pm and 10.00 pm or Al Bahar Video, Tel: 5615730.

**Filchess chess**  
**SEPT 26**: The Filipino Chess Club in Kuwait (Filchess) invites all Filipino Chess enthusiasts to join the first "Active Chess Tournament". Attractive prizes await the lucky winners. Entry forms are available at Kabayan Restaurant. Deadline for submission of entries is Sept 15. For more details contact Edward Racaza (2421868, 2402405), Chito (2443961) or Jun (2409650).

**British Council**  
**THE** British Council presents "Briefing on Britain" a special video presentation for students who are going to Britain this autumn for higher education. Will this be your first experience of studying in Britain? If so, and if you would like to participate in complimentary briefing sessions please telephone us to find out more details. Contact Kate Harries, Education Adviser, Tel. 2515512/253 3204/253 3227.

**Colva Nite**  
**OCT 19**: Annual Colva Nite at New Ballroom of Ramada Al Salam Hotel. Top Ranks in attendance. For details contact Tel. 2413884/243776/56291-41/4310913 after 5 pm.

**Star Nite**  
**DEC 21**: Star Nite at Ramada Salam 'Al Dira' with Perfect Strangers music. Children entry KD.3/- from 2-1/2 years to 12 years. Others KD.4/- with sumptuous buffet. Fabulous hamper prizes and variety social entertainment under 555 sponsorship. For reservations contact tele. (res) 5331940 or 2413706 pm only.

**D'Assisi Association**  
**OCTOBER 6**: Ninth annual Thanksgiving mass will be held at the Holy Family Cathedral at 8 am followed by a get-together after mass. All D'Assisi ex-students along with their families and friends are invited. For more details contact: 2444379 or 2469811.

**Konkani drama**  
**NOVEMBER 2, 3**: The new GOA presents M. Boyer's "Chintnam Zalim Sopnam" at the IAC (Funaites). Cast includes the Charlie Chaplin of Goa "Jacinto Vaz" along with Remy Colaco, Seby Coutinho, Betty Naz and others. For tickets contact Canary Video (Sharq) or Video Club (near GEO).

## HOTELS

**At the Meridien Hotel**  
**OPENING** on Sept 9 the Versailles Restaurant celebrates the new season with an exciting new a la carte menu featuring delicious seafood dishes and always the great value business. Enjoy a truly elegant and dining experience with the finest cuisine and atmosphere. International music is provided by Jo Lee, a veritable one woman band, is guaranteed to help to make the dinner at the Versailles truly a night to remember.

**LA BRASSERIE**: Brand new menu at the La Brasserie... definitely worth the wait. The new a la carte menu at the La Brasserie features a choice of appetizer, entree and dessert. In addition to a lavish buffet with different starters various hot dishes and mouthwatering desserts. And remember the buffet changes daily for the guests.

**EVERY SATURDAY THAI CORNER**: Enjoy genuine Thai cuisine at the La Brasserie. The Thai corner features a variety of great authentic dishes in addition to the restaurant's regular lavish buffet.

**EVERY SUNDAY COWBOY NIGHT**: Taste the Texas fair at the La Brasserie. No compromise with this salute to the US includes live foot tapping country and Western music plus decor costumes and a touch of the real wild west.

**EVERY WEDNESDAY THE INDOONESIAN CORNER**: Enjoy some of the country's best loved dishes at the La Brasserie in addition to the regular Brasserie buffet.

**EVERY THURSDAY**: Tuck in the tempo... experience an evening of the great jazz sound in jazz sessions at the La Brasserie featuring delicious sea food buffet with that catch out the day freshness plus a range of local and international dishes.

**Friday equals family fun** only at La Brasserie... lavish buffet... live entertainment toys and gifts for the children and even some real magic.

**KIWI LOVERS**: A down under delicacy the Kiwi will be featured at Al Fingian from Oct 8 to the 19th in tempting variety of ways from juices to delicious tarts and desserts.

**At the Messiah Beach Hotel**  
**AL MUBARAKIAH**: The only 24-hour restaurant in Kuwait, offers a full spectrum of local and Continental specialities with daily buffet for breakfast, lunch and dinner plus a la carte menu.

**AL JAWHARAH**: Super night club... live entertainment by the resident "Rainbow" band with a special buffer every Thursday night.

**At the Kuwait International**  
**LA PALMA**: Presents a culinary trip around the world featuring authentic Chinese, Indian, Mexican, African, Italian, British, German/Austrian, Turkish and Arabic dishes. Theme nights on Saturdays and Tuesdays. Ext 8166.

**Falaka**: Rooftop restaurant overlooking Kuwait's picturesque coastline. Offers international cuisine and elegant surroundings. Live entertainment during dinner. Closed on Friday. Ext. 8012.

**Garden Pool**: Relax and enjoy our poolside barbeque event every Friday afternoon. **La Patisserie**: Offers an extensive selection of pastries, oven fresh bread, savouries, exotic juices and ice creams. Also serves Continental breakfast. Pianist in the evenings.

**At the Kuwait Plaza hotel**  
**SPECIAL** breakfast: Al-Dallah coffee shop features the breakfast you like most. Full buffet of all kind of delicious dishes to be savoured by you. Eat as much as you can and whatever dish you fancy for only KD2.995 only.  
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**Roman nights**: The Italian restaurant in the heart of Kuwait takes you to the heart of Rome. Enjoy our exotic Italian specialities and our wide variety of Italian dishes with the music of our resident duo Stan and Alice.

**At the Kuwait Continental**  
**GARDENIA**: Open from 7 am to midnight, offers a dinner buffet on Thursday nights and Friday lunch, consisting of Jumbo prawns, biryani and other charcoal grilled Continental, Arabic and Indian specialities. Our new Gardenia menu - chicken and mixed grilled sizzlers which are everyone's favourite.

**DARBAR**: Offers an Indian buffet daily for lunch, except Fridays, and a la carte for dinner.

## TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

## KTV 1

9.00 Opening and Holy Quran  
 9.15 Good morning  
 9.30 Cartoons  
 10.00 Magazine D'Actualite  
 10.15 Asr Al Hob: daily Arabic serial (final part)  
 11.00 News in brief  
 11.15 Al Dana: local serial (part 5)  
 12.00 News in brief  
 12.15 Al Hana: recreational programme  
 1.00 News Summary  
 1.05 World Today via Satellite  
 1.30 Cartoon serial  
 2.00 Variety programme  
 2.15 Al Hana: Al Watan: Arabic serial (part 16)  
 3.15 Religious programme  
 3.35 Cartoon serial  
 4.00 Cartoons  
 4.30 Theatre: Misa: local feature, starring: Ali Al-Braiki, Hassan Naser and Husain Mansoor  
 6.00 News in brief  
 6.30 Night chemists, airlines and public announcements  
 7.00 Cultural film  
 7.30 Egypt information message to Kuwait  
 8.00 Variety programmes  
 8.30 Religious programme  
 9.00 Arabic News  
 9.45 Wajez: Wa Samah: Arabic serial (part 2)  
 10.00 Al Donya: Jam Film: Arabic feature film: Starring: Samir Jumeil, Mervat Amen, and Farooq Al Fishawi  
 12.25 Variety programme  
 1.00 News summary

## FRIDAY

9.00 Opening and Holy Quran  
 9.25 Cartoons  
 10.00 Magazine D'Actualite  
 10.15 Variety  
 10.30 Religious programme  
 11.00 Friday Prayers  
 12.30 Variety programme prepared by Mohammed Al Fares, presented by Fatima Abdul Wahhab  
 1.00 News summary  
 1.05 World Today via Satellite  
 1.30 The Friday break: variety programme  
 3.30 Cartoons  
 4.00 Ghalat Ya Nas: local play, starring: Abdul Aziz Al Masood, Maryam Al Saleh, and Ibrahim Al Salal  
 6.00 Variety programme  
 6.30 Night chemists, airlines and public announcements  
 7.00 Kuwait in a week: documentary programme  
 7.30 KTV programme in a week  
 8.15 Variety programme  
 8.40 Religious programme  
 9.00 Arabic News  
 9.45 Wrestling  
 10.30 Kalema: variety programme, with guest star, Mohammed Abdu  
 11.45 News summary  
 11.50 World Today via

## Symposium on development

**KALA KAIRALI**, Kuwait will be holding a symposium on 'Devolution of power and the national development in the Indian context' on Friday, Sept 8 at 9 am in the Indian embassy hall.

The resolution for the symposium to be moved by Edava Nazer. Eminent speakers of the Malayalee community will participate in the discussion.

The function will be presided over by Babi Vaddakaneth and inaugurated by Varghese Gee, first secretary, Indian embassy, Kuwait.

Thomas Chittetham and K.P. Ashok Kumar will be the moderators. Members of the Malayalee community are cordially invited.

## Satellite

12.15 Holy Quran and closedown

## KTV 2

6.00 Opening and Holy Quran  
 6.10 The Real Ghost: Busters: a cartoon series for children  
 6.30 Take Heart: an educational programme for children  
 7.00 The Intruders: "Dear Oh Dear." There are 15 types of antelopes in Australia where special farms are built for them like cattle.  
 7.30 T and T: "Conspiracy": a group of boys find a box full of money and start spending generously. A man notices their new behaviour and asks Mr T to watch them closely.  
 8.30 News in English  
 8.30 Murder, She Wrote  
 9.30 TV Bloopers & Practical Jokes: a variety of unexpected events and practical jokes occur while actors or actresses are performing their duty.  
 10.30 Feature film: "Pursuit of the Graf Spee." Starring: Peter Finch, John Gargson, Anthony Quayle. A World War II epic about the German battleship the Graf Spee.  
 12.15 News in brief  
 12.30 Magazine D'Actualite and closedown

## FRIDAY

6.00 Opening and Holy Quran  
 6.10 Silver Hawks: a car-

## NIGHT CHEMIST

**Kuwait**  
 Al Jahra Pharmacy  
 Fahad Al Salem Street, Al Awaq building  
 Al Sharq Al Jadid Pharmacy  
 Al Safat Souq, opp. to the science museum  
**Najra and Hawalli**  
 Al Hadeetha Pharmacy  
 Najra, Tunis Street, Al Othman complex  
 Salamiya and Rumaithiya  
 Razan Pharmacy  
 Al Razzi Street  
 Fahad and Almasadi  
 Al Flaj Pharmacy  
 Makkah Street, near Safeway, Fahad  
**Farwasya**  
 Al Taswon Pharmacy  
 Farwasya, Main Street, Al Jarri complex  
**Jahra**  
 Al Abraj Pharmacy  
 Jahra, Daabal Al Khozai Street, opp. to the Education Dept.

## CINEMA

**Andalus**  
 Lost Idol  
**Salamiya**  
 Hall Reserved  
**Al Hama**  
 Arabic film: Al Mawid Firdous  
**Maar Dhaad**  
**Fahad Open**  
**Mahadev**  
**Fahad**  
**Dhami Garib**  
**Jahra**  
 Arabic film  
**Granada**  
 Devil's Three  
**Salaikhat**  
**Thandrum**  
**Al Juleb**  
**Meeri Zubaan**  
**Almasadi Drive-In**  
 Arabic film

## PRAYERS

Fajr 4.08  
 Zuh 11.46  
 Asr 3.18  
 Maghreb 6.03  
 Isha 7.22

## FRIDAY

**Kuwait**  
 Al Watan Pharmacy  
 Fahad Al Salem Street, Jawharat Al Khaleej building  
 Ebin Seena Pharmacy  
 Mubarak Al Kaber Street  
**Najra and Hawalli**  
 Al Rehab Pharmacy  
 Hawalli, Tunis Street, Al Rehab Complex  
**Salamiya and Rumaithiya**  
 Qortoba Pharmacy  
 Salem Al Mubarak Street, Northern Salamiya building  
**Fahad and Almasadi**  
 Bastoor Pharmacy  
 Fahad, Al Dabos Street, Qais Al Ghanim building  
**Juleb Al Shuyookh**  
 Al Salama Pharmacy  
 Juleb Shuyookh, Main Street  
**Jahra**  
 Al Khaled Pharmacy  
 Jahra, opp. to Jahra Co-operative Society

## FRIDAY

**Andalus**  
 Lost Idol  
**Salamiya**  
 Hall Reserved  
**Al Hama**  
 Arabic film: Al Mushaghibat  
**Fi Khatar**  
**Drive-In**  
**Firdous**  
**Maar Dhaad**  
**Fahad Open**  
**Mahadev**  
**Fahad**  
**Dhami Garib**  
**Jahra**  
 Young Guns  
**Granada**  
 Ghar Ehar Ki Kahani  
**Salaikhat**  
**Red Soja**  
**Al Juleb**  
**Khatron Ki Khiladi**  
**Almasadi Drive-In**  
 Arabic film

## FRIDAY

Fajr 4.08  
 Friday prayer 11.46  
 Asr 3.18  
 Maghreb 6.02  
 Isha 7.21

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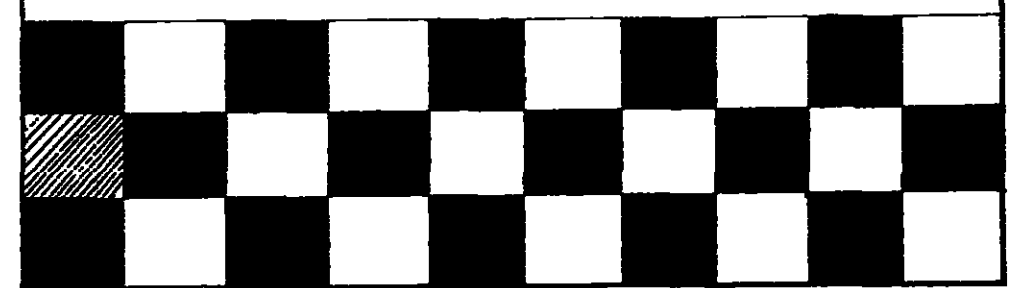
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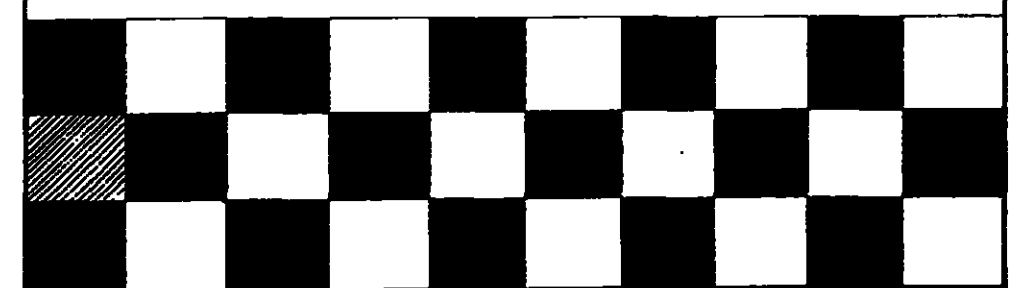
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## Happy birthday



Hibah Rahmani celebrates her 10th birthday on September 8. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends.

Hibah goes to the Pakistani School-Rumailhiya and likes to read.



Paul D'Souza celebrates his 6th birthday on September 8. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends.

Paul goes to the Indian School and likes drawing, watching cartoons and painting.



Sumit Singh celebrates his birthday on September 9. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends.

Sumit goes to the Indian School and enjoys studying and playing.



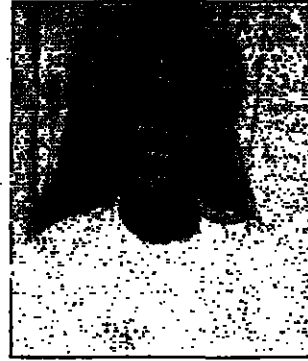
Gary Monteiro celebrates his 9th birthday on September 9. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends.

Gary goes to the New Indian School and likes fishing, football and breakdancing.



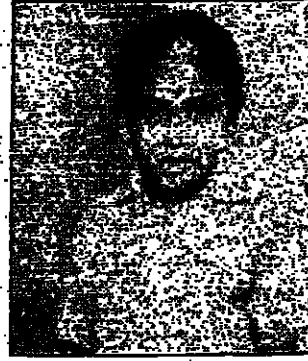
Reggie Rodrigues celebrates his 14th birthday on Sept 9. Happy birthday from parents and brothers Edwig and McBeth.

Reggie goes to school in Goa and is in Kuwait on a short holiday.



Karen Dias celebrates her 9th birthday on September 9. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends.

Karen goes to the Carmel School and likes playing the piano and watching TV.



Jennifer Sasikala celebrates her 10th birthday on September 9. Happy birthday from parents, Kumar and Kamal.

Jennifer goes to Stanes High School in India and likes singing, drawing and dancing.

## School starters



Fatema Waheed Kothari is starting at Carmel School this year.

She is a four year old Indian who wants to become a doctor.



Schreiber Pereira is going to start his education at the New Indian School.

Schreiber, a 4 1/2 year old Indian wants to be a doctor when he grows up.



Samira Slousmangani celebrates her 4th birthday on September 10. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends.

Samira goes to the New Indian School and likes cartoons and drawing.



Pramila Devadas celebrates her 12th birthday on September 10. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends.

Pramila goes to the Carmel School and likes reading, ballet and painting.



Desiree Ann Silveira celebrates her 7th birthday on September 10. Happy birthday from parents, Lindsay and Naomi.

Desiree goes to Carmel School and likes drawing, painting and singing.



Carol Bhasker celebrates her 2nd birthday on September 10. Happy birthday from dad, mum, Joe and Noel.

Carol likes watching cartoons.



Atif Abdulla celebrates his 13th birthday on September 12. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends.

Atif goes to the Indian School-Mangal and likes reading.



Schneida Pereira celebrates her 7th birthday on September 9. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends.

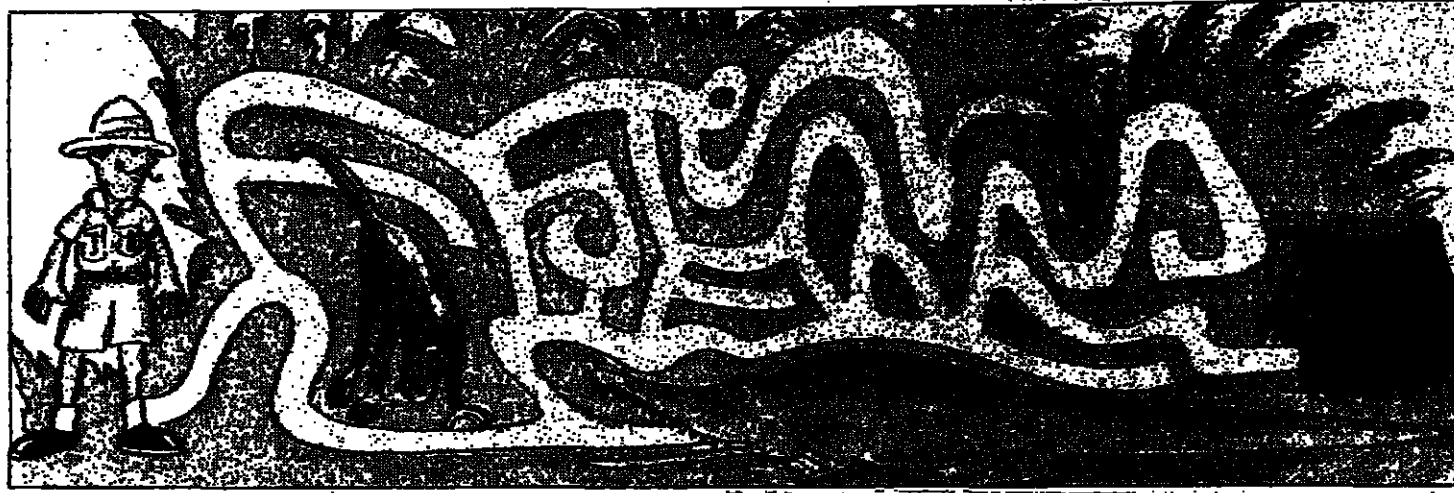
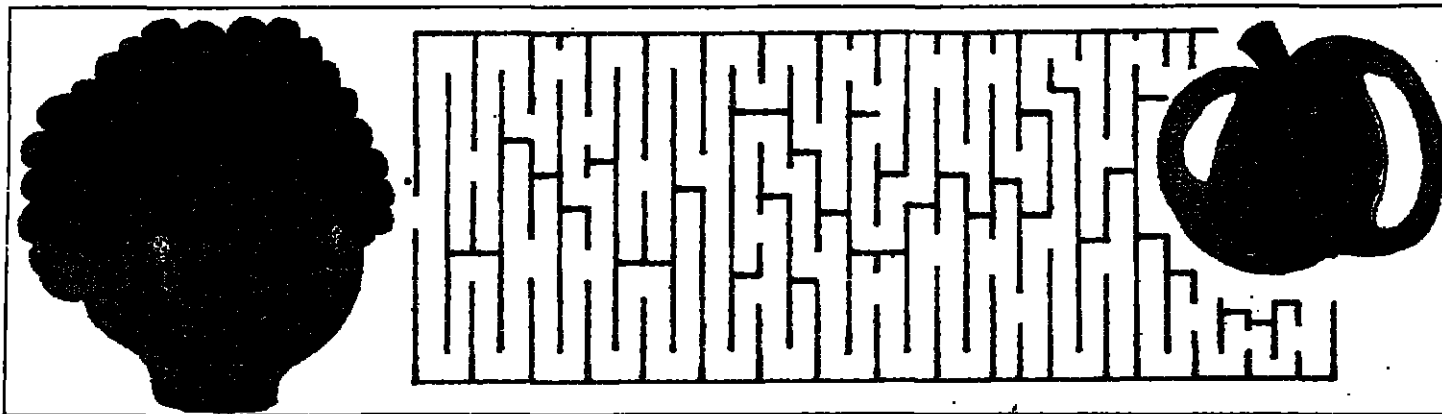
Schneida goes to the Indian School and likes drawing.



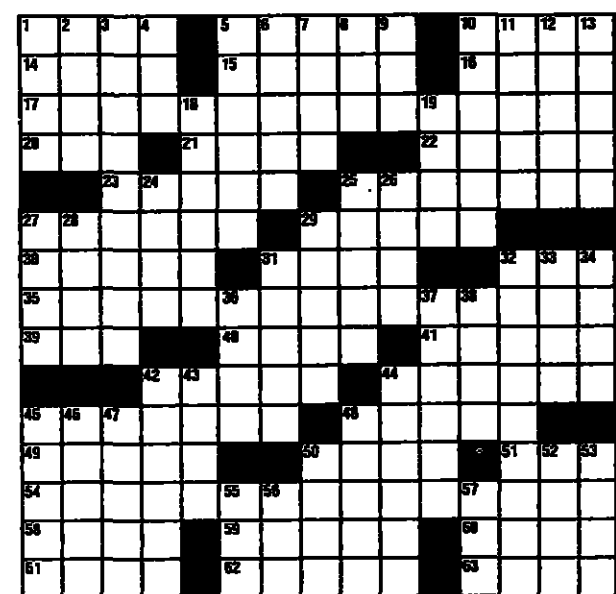
Kinjalika Ghosh celebrated his 5th birthday on September 3. Belated greetings from parents, friends and family.

Kinjalika goes to the Indian School and likes playing football.

Jerry wants to eat the apple, can you help him?



## TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- 1 First place
  - 5 Hue
  - 10 Edges
  - 14 Wash
  - 15 Wing-shaped
  - 16 Robt. —
  - 17 "Jaws" director
  - 20 Musical aptitude
  - 21 Henhouse
  - 22 Hi-fi term
  - 23 Greek physician of yore
  - 25 Sealing rings
  - 27 Diva Maria
  - 29 Analyze grammatically
  - 30 Valuable violin
  - 31 Word with soap or sell
  - 32 O. Henry's monogram
  - 35 "8 1/2" director
  - 39 Chin or Malt finish
  - 40 Upside down or wedding
  - 41 Wings for angles
  - 42 Omni, for one
  - 44 Flowering shrub
  - 45 They're sometimes grim
  - 48 More than one: Comb. form
  - 49 Formed a rainbow
  - 50 Seed coat
  - 51 Fresh
  - 54 "Darling" director
  - 58 Mideast gulf
  - 59 Paris's rival
  - 60 Mozart's "Pastore"
  - 61 Actress Lamar
  - 62 Steeler Lynn
  - 63 City in SE France

**DOWN**

- 1 "What — is

## GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF  
THE RIGHT CARD AT THE RIGHT TIME

Both vulnerable. South deals.

**NORTH**  
♠ A 6 2  
♥ J K Q 5  
♦ 10 8  
♣ A Q 10 5 3

**EAST**  
♠ J 8 4 3  
♥ 10 9 6 4  
♦ A Q 2  
♣ K 6

**SOUTH**  
♠ K Q 10  
♥ A 7 3  
♦ K 5 4  
♣ J 9 4 2

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ Pass  
3 NT Pass Pass  
Opening lead: Six of ♦

Most of the plays available to declarer can be made by the defense as well. As a corollary, the counter-thrusts that declarer has at his command also can be employed by the defense.

The auction was straight from the old textbook. Since North didn't have diamonds stopped, he made a forcing jump raise in clubs, and South, with a dead minimum and stoppers in the unbid suits, settled for the obvious no trump game.

West led the six of diamonds, taken by East's ace. Declarer held up the king of diamonds until the third

round of the suit, then took the club finesse. That lost, but East did not have another diamond—and if he did, that would have meant the suit had split evenly and the defenders could score only three diamond tricks, plus a club trick in the bank. As a result, declarer collected 10 tricks. Was this a normal result?

Anything but! Had East taken effective countermeasures, the contract would probably have gone down to defeat.

With 15 points in sight in dummy, East should have worked out that, including the 10 points in his hand, some 38 points could be accounted for. Therefore, West could not possibly have a fast entry.

Since it would appear that declarer could not come to nine tricks without taking at least some club tricks, East's strategy should have been designed to prevent declarer from holding up the king of diamonds.

Look what would happen had East played the queen of diamonds to the first trick! Declarer could not afford to refuse the trick since the defenders might be able to collect five diamond tricks off the bat when there were 11 tricks to be had with a winning club finesse. Now, when East gets in with the king of clubs, ace of diamonds and another allows the defenders to collect four diamond tricks for a one-trick set.

## THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



B.C.

By Johnny Hart



## YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

You will have to be a little more patient but you will get there in the end. You should make sure you express yourself without ambiguity. Do not let your enthusiasm carry you away. Be tolerant.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

You will have plenty of energy but you will need it all, so do not waste any of it. Leave yourself a little more time for your leisure interest. Avoid having too many late nights and do not exercise to the point of exhaustion.



Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

Try to have a good laugh at yourself. You will at long last be able to do something you have been trying to master. Do not treat your partner with any lack of love. Be as good as your word.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

You will be more inventive and you will have to deal with the situation. Try to rid yourself for some resentments and prejudices. Act swiftly but without becoming superficial or careless. Be accurate.



Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)

You should not be slow to show your gratitude. Do not allow some small setback to discourage you altogether. You will find it easier to make up your mind. Be patient.



Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)

You should not permit yourself to be upset by the fact that something you had hoped for will not happen. Make sure you stand by a friend who is going through a difficult period. You should not allow your attention to stray.



Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)

You will easily be distracted and should do all you can to concentrate. Your lucky numbers are 17 and 22. Someone who has told you what seemed to be a fact will turn out to have been wrong.



Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)

Something that has been hanging fire of late will now make good progress. You should try not to make things more complicated. And any tendency to make something seem more serious than it actually is should be resisted.



Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

You are more prone to mistakes and should be on the lookout for them. You should take good care of your health without making too much of a fuss about it. Have just a little more faith in yourself. Be tactful.



Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)

You must make sure you do not let slip out something told to you in confidence. You will be a little disappointed with something you have come to rely upon. If you ask for more than you deserve you will not get it. Be moderate.



Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)

You should not keep someone waiting for something you have promised by a certain time. You should try to pay a bit more attention to your personal appearance. Something that has been puzzling you will now become clear.



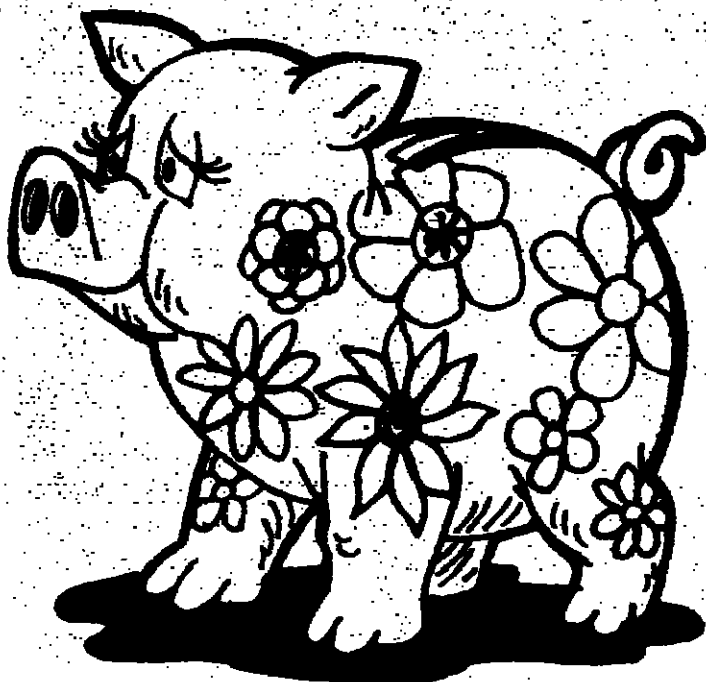
Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)

You are liable to exaggerate and to delude yourself and should try to refrain from both. Taking a little more exercise will do you good. And you should watch your weight before it becomes a problem. Be respectful.





# My money



I TOOK my money out and put it in stacks. Help me figure out how much each stack is worth.

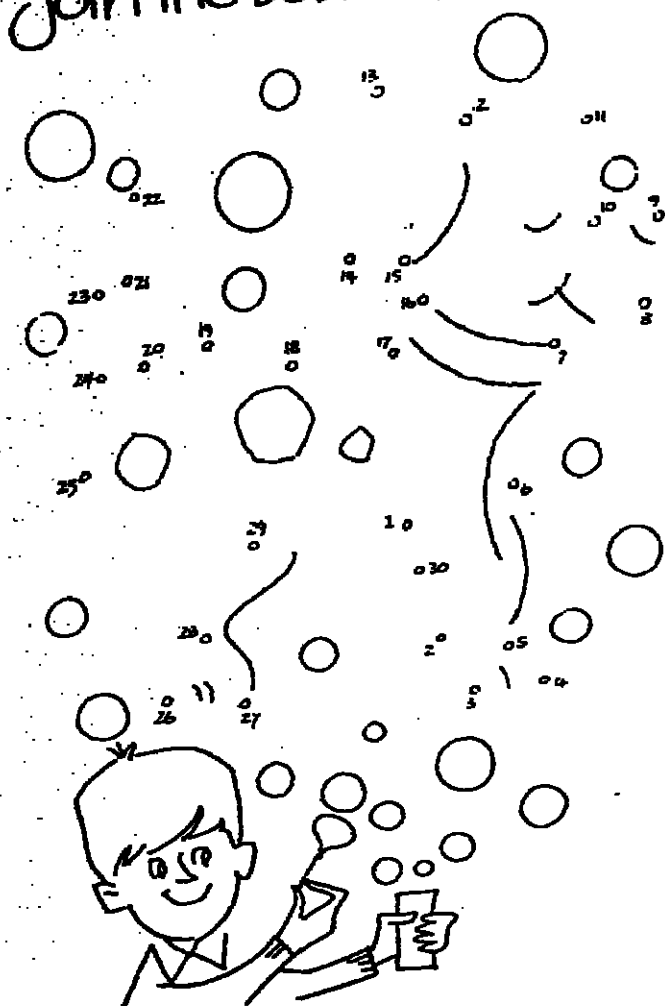
13 quarter notes 4 dinar notes = \_\_\_\_\_ fils = \_\_\_\_\_ fils

25 half notes 6 KD notes = \_\_\_\_\_ fils = \_\_\_\_\_ fils

1. Which note do I have the most of?
2. Which note do I have the least of?
3. Which notes total the most money?
4. Which notes total the least money?
5. How much money do the quarter and dinar notes equal?
6. How much money do the half and 5 KD notes equal?
7. Do any of the two stacks of notes equal the same amount of money? \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
8. How much more are the 5KD notes worth than the dinar notes? \_\_\_\_\_

## Join the dots

Join the bubbles.



## Unscramble letters



Unscramble the letters to find out what book each member of the family is reading.

## September Trail Blazer

Directions: Place the words from the word list below in the boxes to form a continuous pathway. Place one letter in each box. Corner letters are shared by two words. Use each word only once. One word has been done for you (September).

SEPTEMBER

### WORD LIST:

book  
eraser  
principal  
reading  
learn  
paper  
homework  
school

recess  
teacher  
student  
lunch  
pen  
grade  
September

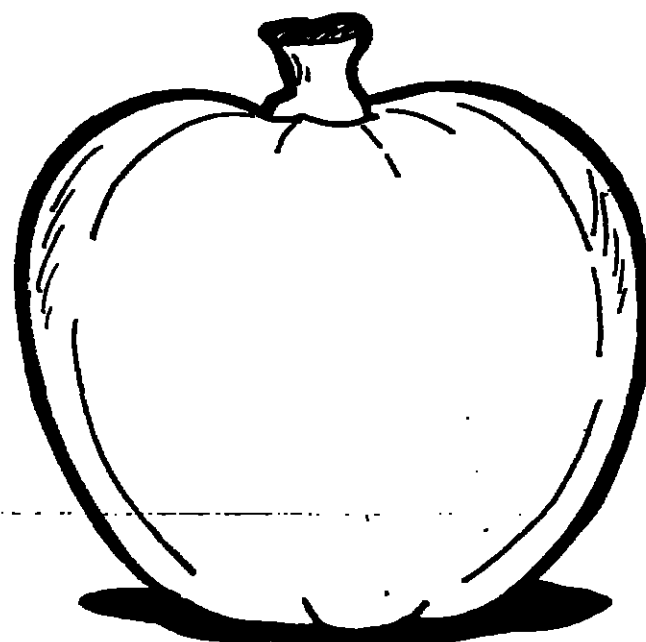
## Word search

ACCUSABLE IN ERROR  
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To BLAME LIABLE  
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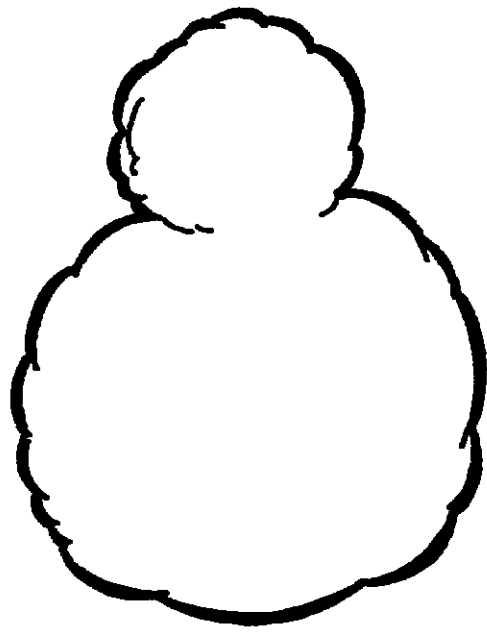
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N R I F P A G A E H E E F  
O R L N A R S G B T J M F  
C O T H E U D T C L N O E  
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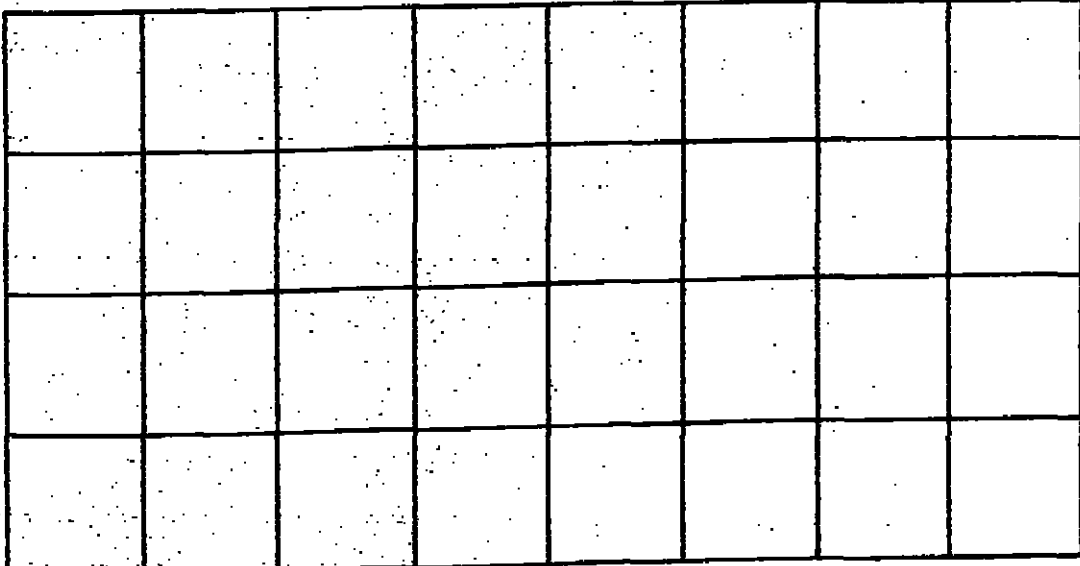
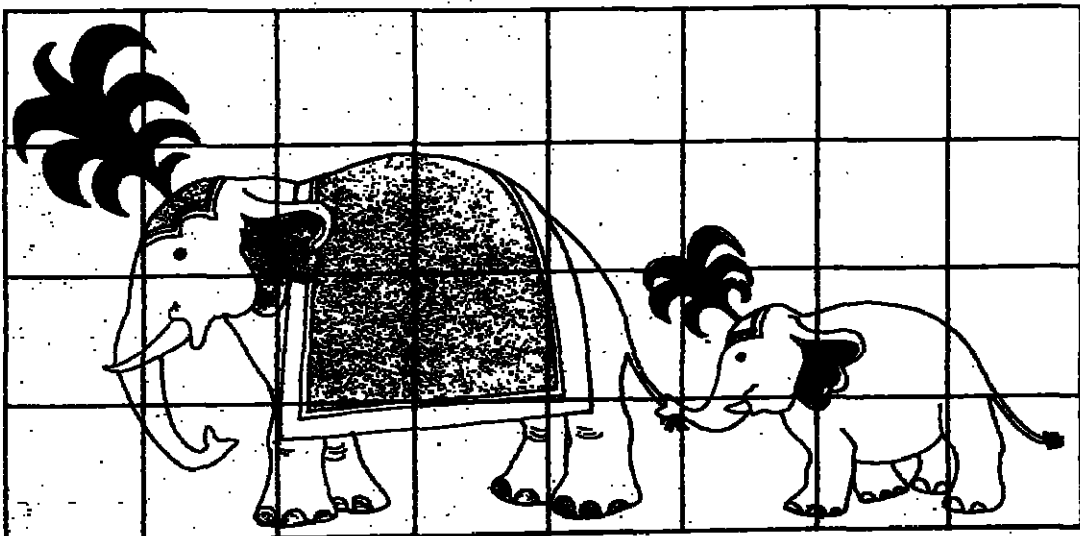
## Draw a face on the pumpkin.



Make a snowman with the two circles.



Copy the picture onto the grid below and colour it.



Dear Junior Readers,

I have begun to receive contributions from many of the regular readers and am happy of the standard and care taken when writing.

However, I do not always have enough space to put in all, but whatever is received will get printed as soon as possible. Please don't get disappointed if your contribution is not printed when you expect it to be.... there is also a next edition.

Another thing I'd like to point out is that printed work is brought to life by a picture of the author, whether it is a drawing or a poem or a story.

Think about it next time you write in and we'll be happy to show you if send a 4x6 photograph.

Manal.

## Just for laughs!

This chap went to see his "shrink". He said he thought he was a dictionary. The shrink said, "I've only got your word for it."

Then another chap came along and said he was sure he was a rubber tyre. The shrink said, "You've got an inflated opinion of yourself."

Tramp: "You may think I'm scruffy now, but I'll tell you something. I got married in a suit."

Interviewer: "Really?"

Tramp: "Yes. I was going to get married in a church but it was shut that day."

Did you hear about the man who opened a betting shop in a field? It was for people who want to hedge their bets.

## Birthday coupon

Is your birthday to come soon?

Are you a regular reader of the Junior Times?

Well, now is the chance to let your friends know that it is your birthday!

Or maybe you would like to surprise your best friend, brother or sister by putting their picture in for them.

The details we need are:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Hobbies: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Send to:

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To avoid belated greetings please send within a week before the special date

Your favourite most recent picture (4x6)

## Going to school

Are you going to school for the first time? You must be really excited. Send the coupon to us and celebrate your first day at school with all of your fellow readers. Just fill in the information required and the address is as always!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Nationality: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

What you want to be when you

grow up: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number! \_\_\_\_\_

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صرف ترین ہیرا اور ہیراؤں کو محدود فلمیں سنان کرنے کا پانڈ کر دیا گیا

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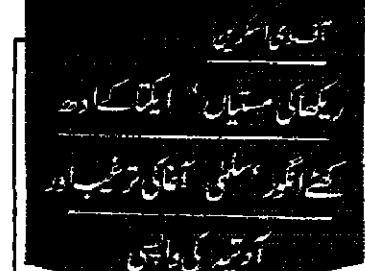


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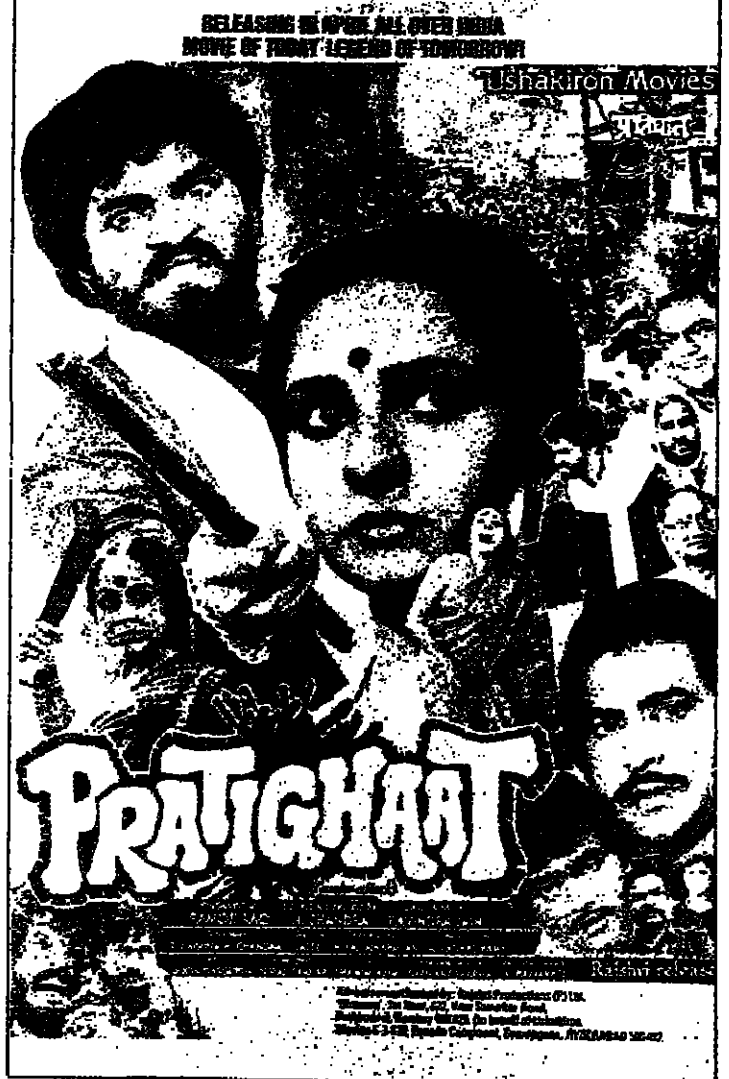
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# منشآت

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# Aussies beat Danes in one-day match

COPENHAGEN, Sept. 6, (Reuter): Australia weathered a fine spell of pace bowling by Ole Mortensen to beat Denmark by 45 runs in the first of two limited-over matches yesterday.

Australia, batting first on the matting surface used on all Danish pitches, quickly abandoned thoughts of an easy victory when Mortensen, the only professional in a team of amateurs, came on to bowl.

Mortensen, who plays for English county Derbyshire, rattled the Australians during a 10-over spell in which he claimed three for 15, the best bowling figures of the match.

Australia recovered thanks to Tom Moody, top scorer of the day with 53, and were all out for 191 in 39.3 of their 40 overs. David Boon was dropped four times while scoring 48 and Dean Jones made 35 in a

less than an hour.

Captain Allan Border was run out for two, one of five batsmen run out.

The Danes batted confidently against the Australian fast bowlers but had trouble playing slower bowling and were unable to keep up their scoring rate.

Captain Soeren Henriksen was top Danish scorer with 48 runs, followed by Peer Jensen with 29.

But sound Australian fielding made the difference between the two sides and Denmark ended their 40 overs on 146 for nine.

Some 3,500 Danes play cricket and the game has become steadily more popular in the past 25 years. It was brought to Denmark by British railway builders in the mid-19th century and at one stage was more popular than soccer, now the national sport.

## Africans undecided about Bile and Aouita

BARCELONA, Spain, Sept. 6, (Reuter): An embarrassment of middle distance riches is hindering African team selection for this weekend's athletics World Cup.

Selectors have not decided whether world record-holder Said Aouita or world champion Abdi Bile will run the 1,500 metres, the blue ribbon event of the three-day meeting beginning on Friday.

Both have been nominated to run but Lamine Diack, president of the African Amateur Athletic Confederation, told Reuters no decision would be made until Aouita arrived.

The Moroccan was expected here today but doubts about his appearance have arisen following his claim to have hurt a calf muscle at the Grand Prix final in Monte Carlo last Friday.

Diack said he had not spoken to Aouita, although the Moroccan had tried to call him last night.

"I don't know the severity of his injury and I have no confirmation that Aouita will be here," Diack said.

"But I expect him to arrive on Wednesday and then I will talk to both runners before deciding who will run."

Diack said there was no question of switching Aouita to his world championship-winning distance of 5,000 metres to accommodate Bile, who on Sunday clocked the year's fastest 1,500 metres time of three minutes 30.55 seconds.

The selection problem is likely to aggravate the pair's delicate relationship, which was strained recently by Aouita's claim that the Moroccan was avoiding racing him.

"I can beat Bile any time I want," Aouita said recently. "He's a sprinter, that's all."

Waiting for either Aouita or Bile will be a top-quality field comprising Brian Seb Coe, the 1980 and 1984 Olympic champion, East German Jens Peter Herold, the Seoul Games bronze medalist, and Italian Gennaro di Napoli.

For Coe, 33, later this month and representing Britain in his nation's first appearance in the World Cup, the meeting could be his last major appearance in a glittering 12-year international career.

It could also be one of the most memorable. The 800 metres world record holder could emerge one of the heroes of a British team capable of lifting the trophy.

Gold medalist over 800 metres in the 1981 World Cup when he ran for Europe, Coe proved with a superb 1:43.38 in Switzerland last week that he still boasts the change of pace to worry the fast finishers in what is sure to be a slow and tactical battle.

Coe was absent from the British team which triumphed in the European Cup final in England last month — a competition marred by the positive drug test of Soviet shotputter Alexander Bagach, whose disqualification cost the Russians their place here.

### Stripped

No nation has ever successfully defended the World Cup Men's title in the four previous competitions. First held in 1977, and the United States, stripped of many stars including Carl Lewis, do not appear to have the depth of talent necessary to repeat their 1985 win in Canberra.

Olympic high hurdles champion Roger Kingdom and long jumper Larry Myricks may be their only winners in a competition contested by eight other teams.

By contrast, the women's cup is set to be dominated yet again by the East Germans.

They are looking for a fourth successive triumph and a team comprising world champions Silke Moeller and Sigrid Wodars and Olympic gold medalist Petra Felke should ensure they keep the trophy they have held since 1979.

# Orioles edge Indians

## Angels tame Brewers

NEW YORK, Sept. 6, (AP): Baltimore's Cal Ripken became the first shortstop in baseball history to hit 20 or more home runs in eight consecutive seasons and then doubled home the tie-breaking run in a two-run seventh as the Baltimore Orioles defeated the Cleveland Indians 3-1 last night.

After hitting his 20th homer run with two out in the first, Ripken hit a tie-breaking double in the seventh following Steve Finley's

two-out single off John Farrell, 8-14. Ripken scored an insurance run on Larry Sheets' double.

Ripken and Ernie Banks had been the only shortstops to hit 20 or more home runs in seven consecutive seasons. Banks hit 20 or more from 1955-61 for the Chicago Cubs before being shifted to first base.

Tigers 10, Royals 2

The Tigers won their fifth straight game for the first time since June 1988 as Rookie Kevin

Ritz pitched seven strong innings and Doug Strange's two-run double keyed a six-run first.

Twins 8, Rangers 4

Carmen Castillo's second home run of the game, a two-run shot, triggered a tie-breaking four-run seventh inning and Kevin Tapani scattered six hits over seven innings in his first Major League start.

Blue Jays 6, White Sox 1

Toronto's Dave Stieb pitched a three-hitter over seven scoreless innings and beat Chicago for the 18th time in 22 decisions as the Blue Jays remained one game ahead of Baltimore in the American League East.

Maury Lee drove in two runs with a double and a single off Steve Rosenberg while Mookie Wilson had a pair of singles and scored twice.

Athletics 13, Red Sox 1

Curt Young allowed one unearned run in five innings and Oakland scored four unearned runs in the third off Roger Clemens. The A's wrapped it up with eight runs against four Boston pitchers in the eighth.

Oakland's 3 and 1-2 game lead over Kansas City in the American League West is the A's largest of the season. The third-place Red Sox fell six games behind Toronto in the AL East.

Yankees 12, Mariners 2

Deion Sanders drove in four runs with a pair of doubles and one of New York's three homers as the Yankees won their sixth straight game.

The Yankees rapped out 17 hits, including home runs by Roberto Kelly and Steve Sax and a single, two doubles and three RBIs by Steve Balboni.

Meanwhile, Eric Plunk held Seattle to four hits in seven innings, including Jay Buhner's two-run homer in the fourth.

Angels 8, Brewers 4

California returned home from a disastrous 4-11 road trip and snapped a five-game losing streak as Brian Downing and Chili Davis each homered and drove in three runs. The Angels have won six in a row at Anaheim stadium, where they are 45-23.

Reds 6, Giants 5

Ken Griffey hit a three-run homer to cap a five-run third inning, and Cincinnati barely held on to snap San Francisco's five-game winning streak.

The Giants, who had come back from an 8-0 deficit in the final three innings Monday night to win 9-8, rallied from a 6-2 deficit this time. Rookie Jim Weaver's two-run double in the eighth inning hit the top of the wall in right field.

Mets 3, Cubs 2

The New York Mets, in danger of falling out of the National League East race, beat Chicago on Juan Samuel's ninth-inning single to pull within 3 and 1-2 games of the first-place Cubs.

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## Results

### American League

Baltimore	3	Cleveland	1
New York	12	Seattle	2
Toronto	6	Chicago	1
Detroit	10	Kansas City	2
Minnesota	8	Texas	4
Oakland	13	Boston	1
California	8	Milwaukee	4

National League			
New York	3	Chicago	2
Houston	3	Los Angeles	2
San Diego	7	Atlanta	5
Montreal	6	St Louis	1
Cincinnati	6	San Francisco	5
Philadelphia	3	Pittsburgh	1



Chili Davis, homered and hit three runs

Florida out of top 10

## Notre Dame No. 1 in poll

NEW YORK, Sept. 6, (AP): Notre Dame took over the No. 1 ranking with an impressive win in the kickoff classic, while opening losses dropped Southern California, Florida State and Louisiana State out of the top 10 in the Associated Press college football poll.

The Fighting Irish, who routed Virginia 56-13 last Thursday, replaced Michigan in the top spot in the first regular-season top 25. Michigan opens at home against Notre Dame on Sept. 16.

The last time No. 1 met No. 2 was last Nov. 26, when top-ranked Notre Dame beat Southern Cal 27-10.

Notre Dame received 31 first-place votes and 1,430 points from a nationwide panel of sports writers and sportscasters. Michigan was second with 18 first-place votes and 1,419 points.

Informed of the media's vote,

Notre Dame coach Lou Holtz said: "I just hope they're right for a change."

Miami was ranked No. 3, followed by four other teams that have yet to play a game — Nebraska, Auburn, UCLA and Arkansas. Miami received four first-place votes, while Nebraska was No. 1 on six ballots. No other teams received first-place votes.

Oklahoma, Colorado and Clemson round out the top 10. Oklahoma moved up seven spots after crushing New Mexico State 73-3. Colorado jumped from No. 14 to No. 9 after beating Texas 27-6 and Clemson rose from No. 12 to No. 10 following a 30-0 win over Furman, the defending division I-AA champion.

Southern Cal fell from No. 5 to No. 13. Florida State dropped from No. 6 to No. 16 and LSU plummeted from No. 7 to No. 21 after losing their openers.

Illinois edged Southern Cal 14-13 Monday night. On Satur-

day, Florida State lost to Southern Mississippi 30-26 and LSU was beaten by Texas A and M 28-16.

Five teams dropped in the poll despite winning.

Arizona fell from No. 18 to No. 20. Houston from No. 21 to No. 22. Pittsburgh from No. 20 to No. 23. Brigham Young from No. 19 to No. 24 and North Carolina State from No. 24 to No. 25.

Arizona beat Stanford 19-3. Houston clobbered Nevada-Las Vegas 69-0. Brigham M Young downed New Mexico 24-3. Pittsburgh routed Pacific 38-3 and North Carolina State edged Maryland 10-6.

West Virginia, which defeated Ball State 35-10, remained at No. 17.

No. 12 Penn State, No. 14 Syracuse and No. 19 Alabama did not play. Iowa and Ohio State dropped out of the top 25 even though they were idle.

## Porsche want Onyx team to find sponsor

BRUSSELS, Sept. 6, (Reuter): West German sports car firm Porsche will drop plan to return to Formula One motor racing by 1991 unless the Onyx team find a sponsor to back the deal, the Onyx team chief said yesterday.

"If we don't find a sponsor there will be no Porsche engine in Formula One, it's as simple as that. It's either Onyx or nothing," Onyx team owner Jean-Pierre van Rossum said.

Van Rossum, a flamboyant Belgian millionaire, told Porsche he was prepared to put up \$10 million to cover the first year of a deal.

But Porsche turned down his offer.

"They say there's too much concentration of interests. I would represent two of the three parties involved — team owner and sponsor — and they want somebody else as third party," Van Rossum told Reuters in a telephone interview.



Felke: undefeated in 27 straight appearances

## E. Germany take commanding lead

# Felke improves 1989 best

MACERATA, Italy, Sept. 6, (Reuter): Olympic women's javelin champion Petra Felke improved her 1989 world best as East Germany took a commanding halfway lead yesterday in a two-day athletics meeting against Italy and Czechoslovakia.

World record-holder Felke, undefeated in 27 consecutive international appearances, threw 76.88 metres on her second attempt to better the 75.72 metres best mark for 1989 she established in Granada, Spain, on June 17.

Fellow-East German Silke was second with a throw of 66.16, with Czechoslovak Katarina Kotmelova third on 56.20.

Felke's performance included throws of 76.22 and 74.96 and drove home the East German dominance of the triangular meeting three days before the start of the World Cup in Barcelona.

East Germany will send men's and women's teams to Barcelona and they were using the Macerata as a warm-up. Their women, triumphant in August's European Cup, swept aside virtually all opposition.

World champion Silke Moeller took her 1989 personal best to 11.11 seconds from 11.26 as she led home Kerstin Behrend in the 100 metres before the pair went out again to help East Germany to victory in the 4x100 metres relay.

The East Germans won all nine of the first day's women's contests, with six one-two finishes, to command more than the points of Italy and Czechoslovakia combined. They lead 101 to 44 for Italy and 43 for the Czechoslovaks.

The contest was closer among the men, with East Germany edging Italy 85 to 77 and Czechoslovakia on 49, but the East Germans were unbeatable in the throwing events.

Olympic champion Ulf Timmermann won the shot with a 21.30 metre put while javelin thrower Volker Hadwich set an East German national record with 84.84 metres.

Only one Italian included in the men's European select team for the World Cup, Roberto Ribaud, was racing in Macerata, and he was second to East German world champion Thomas Schoenlebe in the 400 metres.

## Tyson and Ruddock to fight in Edmonton

EDMONTON, Alberta, Sept. 6, (Agencies): World heavyweight boxing champion Mike Tyson will defend his title on November 18, in Edmonton against Donovan "Razor" Ruddock of Canada, the promoters announced yesterday.

Tyson, whose 37-0 record includes 33 that failed to go the distance, will fight Ruddock in the 17,000-seat Northland Coliseum which is home to the Edmonton Oilers ice hockey team.

Ruddock, who was stripped of his Canadian heavyweight title for refusing to defend it, has 22 wins, a loss and a tie with 15 knockouts.

Promoters Garby Stevenson and Sonny McPhee said they paid Don King, who represents Tyson, \$3 million to stage the fight.

Boxing authorities say that Canada won the right to host the fight because the usual US boxing hotbeds of Atlantic City and Las Vegas were unwilling to pay millions of dollars to see the bull-necked, power-punching Tyson destroy an unknown.

In his last fight Tyson disposed of Carl "The Truth" Williams in 93 seconds, Britain's Frank Bruno in 4-1/2 rounds and Michael Spinks in 91 seconds.

"Tyson, unfortunately, has been knocking his opponents out so quickly that people in the States are unwilling to pay the money necessary to obtain that



Mike Tyson

kind of fight," said Bernie Dillon, a spokesman for the Trump Plaza Casino in Atlantic City which has first refusal on all Tyson fights.

"At this point we'd rather not have him back for a while only to build up some more demand."

Meanwhile it was decided that promotion rights for the World Boxing Association middleweight title fight between champion Mike McCallum of Jamaica and British challenger Michael Watson will be auctioned off Saturday.

Promoters representing the two fighters have been unable to reach an agreement on a site for the fight and details for payment and receipt shares.

## Soviets tee off for the first time

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, Sept. 6, (AP): Ten juniors from the Soviet Union, which has no golf, became the first group of Soviets to play 18 holes yesterday as they teed off on a Swedish golf course at Visby on the Baltic Sea island of Gotland.

A few Soviet diplomats, who got hooked on the game while on foreign assignments, are known to have played golf abroad before. But this was the first official golf round ever by the fledgling Soviet golf movement.

The mixed Soviet squad, whose players are aged between 14 and 15, is scheduled to play its first competition on the week-long Swedish tour when it faces a group of Visby juniors, all of them high handicappers, in a team match tomorrow.

"I'm impressed," said Visby Golf Club manager Sven-Olof Aronsson in a telephone interview with the Associated Press. "These kids have great golf swings. It looks so natural to them. I wish I could swing like they do."

Dennis Zjerebko, 15, was among the top Soviet golfers during yesterday's practice round, said Lars Hofvander, a Swedish pro at Moscow's first golf course due to open next spring.

Zjerebko reached the turn at 6-over par and collected 46 points in a stableford event, an excellent score.

## Ferrari hope to beat McLaren in Italian GP

### Berger keen to finish first race of season

WITH the 1989 World Formula One Championship moving to Monza for the Italian Grand Prix on September 10, the traditional Italian ' tifosi' can be expected to appear in record numbers to see if their home team, Ferrari, will be able to beat Marlboro McLaren Honda Championship leaders, Alain Prost and Ayrton Senna, for the second year in succession.

Monza marked the McLaren's only defeat last season and with two victories to Ferrari already this year and, in particular, the recent showing by Marlboro World Championship Team driver Nigel Mansell, Italian hopes will now be running even higher.

In recent testing at Monza, the Marlboro McLaren and Ferrari teams set almost exactly the same times, while for their home race Ferrari are planning to run a new development engine designed to have better torque and top end power.

"We ran the new engine in the recent tests and it performed very well," commented an enthusiastic Nigel Mansell. "With a bit more engine performance and our current chassis, I am sure that we can continue to give the McLarens a tough race. The



Prost leads Senna during an earlier race this season.

team is working very well and with five finishes in the points in the last five races, I am really looking forward to racing for Ferrari at Monza for the first time, the birthplace of Italian motor racing."

Last year's Ferrari winner, Austria's Gerhard Berger, is even more keen to finish his first race for Ferrari this season in front of an Italian crowd. "I do not know how long my bad luck can keep going, but if it changes

for the better at Monza it would be good news for me as well as for the Italian fans who are probably the most enthusiastic Grand Prix spectators in the world," says Berger.

A superb win by Ayrton Senna

in the difficult wet conditions of the recent Belgian Grand Prix at Spa now moves the Brazilian World Champion to within 11 points of the current points leader Alain Prost, who held off Mansell in a thrilling fight to the finish to take second place behind Senna and another six points toward his championship lead.

While still holding a comfortable points lead, the Italian Grand Prix will be the last race in which Prost can score more points without having to start dropping his previous lowest scores. The 1989 title could thus go down to the last race in Adelaide in November with the final result being decided by the greatest number of wins in the season. Senna has already taken five wins this year against Prost's total of three.

The Italian Grand Prix will also be the big race of the year for the other Italian teams and drivers, particularly the BMS-Dallara Team with Alex Caffi and Andrea de Cesaris who have produced some good performances in the last few races.

Competition between Dallara and the March team should be tough with Ivan Capelli hoping for his first points of the season in front of his home crowd.

## Chagnon took steroids for better performance

TORONTO, Sept. 6, (Reuter): A former Canadian University American football player testified yesterday that he had seen steroids used in France but that amphetamines were much more prevalent.

Mario Chagnon, a former defensive lineman for a small Quebec University, told a federal inquiry into the use of drugs in sport that he experimented with anabolic steroids in college because of the pressure to be successful on the football team.

The Montreal-born Chagnon told the inquiry that he later spent time in France, playing American football for two seasons and semi-professional rugby for one.

Several of the players, particularly on First Division teams, Chagnon said, amphetamines, not steroids, were the drug of choice — "so...you have juice all the time, you can run all the time without getting tired."

The inquiry was sparked by the disqualification of Ben Johnson who tested positive for steroids after winning the 100 metres sprint at last year's Seoul Olympics. Yesterday the International Amateur Athletics Federation annulled his world mark of 9.83 seconds set at the 1987 Rome World Championships.

Chagnon, now a bodybuilding instructor, said at least 10 players on his university team in Canada used steroids.

It frustrated him, he added, to watch mediocre players surpass more talented team-mates simply by taking steroids.

"When you see some guys who weigh less than you and they bench-press 400 (pounds), you say 'hey, something's not normal,'" Chagnon testified.

"You see these guys getting respect and getting success on the field...and you realise that the football thing is everything on campus...football becomes the most important thing for you."

Chagnon told the inquiry he believed that, while the coaches publicly opposed drug-taking, privately they knew some of their players used steroids.

"On the football field, the coach, he doesn't care if you take steroids or not. What they want is just the performance," Chagnon said.

Chagnon admitted that he took a mix of anabolic steroids for seven weeks in 1987, during which he went from bench-pressing 315 pounds to 390 (143 kg to 177). He stopped however, because the drugs made him feel "bulky."



